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## Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

### Derby Favorite's Pedigree Has Been Given The Microscopic Test

THERE is nothing in the world—nothing at all—like Being Told if one Wants to Know.

And, as this ignorant old world is literally full of worthy persons falling in the latter category—who not merely want to know, but with all the fixin's—it is not at all strange that there is also always with us another large class both willing and eager to tell 'em.

In racing, both these classes have always bulked large.

Of course, the vastly preponderant quota comprise those deeply interested folk who want to know What is Going to Win the Next Race?

They crowd our race courses by the tens of thousands with the burning desire to be told—told with such certainty that they can turn the information (?) into a winning ticket—preferably at anywhere from 10 to 100 to 1.

Of course they have already been supplied with the most extensive and impeccable data regarding the past performances, public form, pedigree, ownership, trainer and rider of each and every starter on the program.

Likewise his (or her) latest work-outs, pulse, temperature, various allergies, present supply of vitamins, and all the rest of the desiderata, of this very scientific, technological and extremely knowledgous epoch in which we are living.

All these items, with many others, can be bought in a trice for from ten to twenty-five cents of the nearest news-vendor.

But—what of that?

The want-to-knowers are by no means satisfied with things of that kind—not at all.

Such details are altogether too vague to satisfy their yearnings.

What they want is something much more concrete and from which the necessity of putting two and two together and making it add up to ten has been eliminated. . . . Altogether.

So that nothing remains for them to do but buy their tickets before the race and cash them afterward.

This is the most numerous and insistent of the many kinds of want-to-knowers that frequent the races.

Of the others, those who want to know why race horses are what they are, have long been famous.

After having concentrated upon their trainers and jockeys—the former being usually wizards, the latter heroes and idols (that is, when the

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## Eglinton's Pony Club Youngsters Have A Big Day

By BROADVIEW

The Eglinton Branch of the Institute of the Horse and Pony Club of England had an exciting time on April 17th when a whole day was planned to take in horse activities.

The Eglinton Branch was started in 1936 by Col. R. S. Timmins with the sanction of the Headquarters in England and has been flourishing ever since. The membership has dropped off considerably in the past few years, but still contains over fifty very keen children, many of them developing into first class horsemen.

The aim of the Pony Club is to encourage youngsters to ride and enjoy all kinds of sport connected with horses and to give them an opportunity to receive instruction of a higher class and on more orthodox lines than many of them procure individually, not only in respect to riding but also to teach them how to properly take care of their horses.

Meetings have been held throughout the winter when lectures were given on stable management, ailments, etc. and in suitable weather riding rallies are held when instruction on seat and hands is given and also help in schooling their horses.

Last Saturday twenty children met at the Eglinton Hunt Club to ride, some on their own horses and others on hired ones. No distinction is made between those not fortunate

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## Forty Years Of Horse Activities In Kansas City

By H. M. C. LOW

I am going to make a feeble attempt to outline the horse activities in Kansas City from 1903 to date.

Dr. St. Clair Street and I started hunting and polo here. Polo swallowed up the hunting after a few years and Dr. Street and I each started a Thoroughbred breeding farm to furnish Ft. Riley and Ft. Leavenworth officers with better mounts for the Olympic Games, which they sadly needed at that time. Dr. Street gave up his breeding establishment after the first war. I held mine until 1932, at which time business interfered. I used such sires as Imp. Prince Phillip, Imp. Assagai and Imp. Scamp. I cannot recall at this time the names of Dr. Street's sires. Between us, however, we produced a number of fine hunters and jumpers.

I have had some very interesting experiences here in Kansas City in the last 38 years, and have seen polo and hunting come and go. At one time we had two very good polo teams, and while the hunting lasted we had one of the best hunts in the Middle West. In the late 20's, as you know, Roy Nafsiger appeared on the scene, and he came to me for information as to how to go about starting a hunt. Well, we had a meeting and I outlined to them the important things to start a hunt, namely a good pack of hounds, good hunters and a widely panelled coun-

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## Steeplechasing

### Brookmeade's Delhi Dan Winner Of The Pimlico Spring Maiden 'Chase

By CELESTE HUTTON

On Wednesday, April 21, at 12 noon, the Algiers Steeplechase was run. The track was still heavy here at Pimlico as it had been from the beginning of the meet. Five horses were started but only 3 finished. Briar Hill Stable's Walloper took the lead, followed closely by J. Bosley, Jr.'s Rougemont and Mrs. G. A. Garrett's Circus who soon overtook and passed him. P. D. Reid's Polly Mac-Dun fell at the 5th fence, narrowing the race to 4 contenders.

Coming into the 12th jump, the climax was in sight. The stands became restless and the loud speaker was having difficulty making itself heard. This was the jump that was to prove the Waterloo for several horses. R. K. Mellon's Imp. St. Patrick's Day was coming up very fast, gaining enormously over every jump. As he jumped this he was in 2nd place, Walloper and Circus having come a cropper at the 12th. Jockey Roberts quickly remounted Walloper and brought him in within the time limit to finish 3rd. At the last jump, Rougemont led by one length but after setting the pace from the 4th jump, he did not have the fight left in him to outstride Imp. St. Patrick's Day who had held so much in reserve since the beginning.

With the first 5 days' proceeds going to charity, Thursday, April 22 was the official opening day at the track and the stands were filled with spectators. The track was still heavy but in much better shape than the previous day. The Pimlico Spring Maiden Steeplechase was run as the 3rd race of the day. It was a very uneventful race with only one near upset when Jockey Almone was almost unseated by G. H. Bostwick's Bridlespur over the 8th jump. Mrs. A. White's Bill Coffman was the early pacesetter and kept his lead until his entry mate, Brookmeade Stable's Delhi Dan assumed the lead at the 14th jump. R. K. Mellon's Imp. Replica II, who was rated a threat, was held safe in 2nd place and the race ended with Delhi Dan 1st, Imp. Replica II 2nd and Bridlespur 3rd.

G. H. Bostwick's Shmoon, who scored 4 straight at Aqueduct last fall was back in the winner's circle after her initial 1943 start on April 23. Mrs. A. White's Bay Dean, holder of two track records in 1941, finished 3rd behind W. Post's Imp. Pico Blanco II. Lt. Bayard Sharp's Air Marshal bolted the course after taking the first jump and W. S.

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## MEN AND PONIES

By Murdo Morrison

In 1924 the morning polo games at Roslyn, and on other grounds in the environs of Meadow Brook, were informal affairs where a man could try out a new pony or a new type of polo stick without any risk to his handicap. They were knock-about games meant simply for exercise and practice.

The late Will Rogers (then in the Ziegfeld Follies) frequently played on the Post field at East Williston. In pursuit of a ball he was as serious as a mathematician figuring out the infinitesimal calculus but once he got his feet out of the irons he reverted to his natural role of philosopher and humorist. His choice of equipment for his ponies appeared to be sort of unconventional. Each wore a cooler of a different, loud pattern and a bridle which was, apparently, made for the rodeo.

The Duke of Windsor (then Prince of Wales) took part now and again in these morning games during his visit of '24. He had a good seat and he handled his ponies as would a competent horseman and mixed in the play with a creditable earnestness. The public, however, were led by newspaper stories to believe that the Prince was disposed to slip from the saddle on the slightest provocation. The fact of the matter is that any man who follows hounds and rides steeplechase and plays polo, even with the most carefully selected mounts, takes chances and is consequently likely to have an occasional fall.

The Prince, obviously, was taken care of on the polo field by exemplary

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# Hunting Notes:-



## OLD DOMINION HOUNDS

Crest Hill,  
Virginia.  
Established 1924.  
Recognized 1925.



The Old Dominion Hounds have had to operate in a smaller way due to general conditions. Instead of going out Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays as formerly, they went out just twice a week, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Starting on September 1 they had fourteen days of cubbing, with exceptionally good sport. They went out quite regularly after the opening meeting on October 31 until after the New Year when the weather became very unsuitable for hunting, so that when they closed on March 20, they had had twenty-one hunting days, with three blanks.

The fields were very small this year because so many of the men are in the service and visitors were very scarce due to the lack of gasoline. However, they had a very successful season, and intend to carry on with their fifteen couple of hounds. Mrs. A. P. H. Secretary.

## WAYNE-DU PAGE HUNT

Du Page County,  
Illinois.  
Merged 1940.  
Recognized 1940.



Sunday April 18th was one of those beautiful spring days with just enough frost in the air to make a good, long gallop enjoyable.

Hounds moved off promptly at 10:30. They ran well, with Mrs. Corwith Hamill and McClure Kelley whipping in to the Master Charles Lindsay. Three lines were run to kill in Stanton's meadow. It was the second run of the season and horses are still a bit soft.

The field was exceptionally large considering the number of members "in arms."

Judging from the letters coming back from these members, scattered all over the world, they are happy to know that the hunt is carrying on and they love to read about it in The Chronicle. The tone of their letters, mingled with the hope of coming back to it all very soon, is in perfect accord with the words of Robert Browning:—

"God's luck to gallants that strike up the lay,  
Boot, saddle, to horse and away".  
M. de M.

## CAMARGO HUNT

Spooky Hollow Road,  
Montgomery,  
(P. O., R. F. D., Box 255,  
Station M. Cincinnati),  
Ohio.  
Established 1925.  
Recognized 1926.



The Camargo Hunt closed its 1942-43 Season on Saturday March 28th. Hounds met at the Kennels and an exceptionally large field totaling thirty was in attendance. After a three mile hack to Shinkle's, Samways cast the hounds who found almost immediately. The fox ran north to the five hundred acres where hounds accounted for him by putting him to earth after a good six mile point.

Hounds were again cast at Gilmore's where the second fox was found, several good views were had by members of the field during the forty-five minute run that ensued before he finally went under. Toward the end of this latter run Philip Schneider's horse made a mistake at a trappy jump in a lane which gave the rider a rather nasty fall. Here several of the ladies had an opportunity to use their first aid knowledge to good purpose.

During the season hounds went out seventy-one times. Due to the present situation, most of the week day meets found only the ladies in the field. However, the unanimous opinion of the entire field is that we have had a remarkably successful season when all the necessary handicaps of the times were taken into consideration.

Of particular value to the sport was the service of Mrs. S. F. Stephenson, who carried on most diligently as Honorary Whip, taking the place of her husband, Captain Stephenson, who entered the service prior to the start of the season.

—L. P. B.

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## Variety Of Classes For Sedgefield Hunt Horse Show In June

Sedgefield Horse Show for 1943 will be held as usual at Sedgefield Stables, with four performances on Friday afternoon and night, June 11th, and Saturday afternoon and night, June 12th.

There will be a wide classification of approximately 70 classes for saddle horses, walking horses, hunters, and jumpers, fine harness horses, roadsters, amateurs, pleasure horses and with emphasis on juvenile riders.

Cash prize money and war stamps will approximate \$2,000—attractive cash awards will be made as heretofore in stake classes and classes other than for amateurs and juveniles, who will receive war savings stamps this year instead of silver trophies.

The show ring and stable facilities of Sedgefield Horse Show at Sedgefield Stables have been maintained in good condition and the usual accommodations for exhibitors' horses will be available.

On account of increased interest in the saddle horse and the large number of new owners of pleasure horses, it is expected that the entries for the show will be full. Letters were sent to a large number of exhibitors in North Carolina and adjoining states before decision was made to hold the show and the consensus of opinion was to hold the show as usual as there were plenty of horses to come.

The show will be sponsored—as usual—by the Sedgefield Hunt, and for the benefit of the Service Men's Center in High Point and some similar project in Greensboro.

The dates selected appear to be especially appropriate as the Atlanta Show will be held May 28, 29, and 30; the Greenville, South Carolina, show on June 5; and the Winston-Salem Show June 18 and 19, thereby offering to the exhibitors a fine circuit of four outstanding shows of the South.

Prize lists for the show will be mailed around May 10.

Officers of Sedgefield Horse Show are Lieutenant Nathan M. Ayers, President, of Sedgefield who is in the Army Air Force stationed at New Haven, Connecticut; R. W. Baker, Vice President, and Sidney B. Allen, Secretary, of Greensboro; and T. V. Rochelle, Treasurer, of Sedgefield and High Point.

## Sunshine Shines In Junior Trials For Ann Hudson

BY WALTER CRAIGIE

Sunshine shone isn't a euphonious phrase but it's what happened at the Deep Run Hunt Club's junior hunter trials held at Richmond, Va., on April 17.

The trials started amid lowering clouds and sprinkles of rain and just about the time Old Sol himself came out to brighten up things a chestnut gelding named Sunshine, owned by Miss Anne Hudson, of Richmond, turned in a perfect performance to snatch the championship award away from C. Archer Smith's Attagal, a pretrial favorite.

Sunshine had his young owner, who is joint-M. F. H. of the junior hunt, in the saddle and she was pleased when he took a third in the local class, overjoyed when he worked up to second in the open event and overcome when he was crowned the champion child's hunter. Although she was 50 yards away, the gallery could hear her gasp as the announcer read out the award.

Attagal, ridden by 13-year-old Sara Lee Cone, placed behind T. B. Gay's Will Prevail in the local class and then came back to win the open-to-all. Her chances for taking the tricolor were lost when she was slow coming back to a trot to take the second fence in the special trial arranged by the judges to determine the ideal children's hunter. Her performance was good enough to leave her with the reserve title.

The championship class consisted of the eight ribbon winners of the two preceding events. In it the riders were required to gallop their horses over the first fence, trot to the second, take it and continue trotting, then turn and gallop back to the judges and pull up to a halt, remaining standing quietly. Most of the horses had trouble coming back to a trot after galloping over the first fence.

Judges were Mrs. W. Haggin Perry and James Harris, of Cobham; Miss Jamie Terrill, joint-M. F. H. of the Keswick Hunt; and James Lockwood, of Doswell.

The results follow:

Local hunters—Won by T. B. Gay's Will Prevail; second, C. Archer Smith's Attagal; third, Miss Anne Hudson's Sunshine; fourth, Miss Tim Flannagan's Folly.

Open-to-all hunters—Won by Mr.

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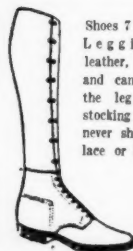
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# The Sporting Calendar

You can help us by sending in notices of any events you know of that do not appear in this Calendar.

## Racing

### MARCH

6-June 6. Hipodrome De Las Americas, Jockey Club, De La Ciudad De Mexico. 42 days or more.  
**HANDICAP DE LA CIUDAD DE MEXICO**, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, May 9.....\$17,000 Added  
**DERBY MEXICANO**, 1 1-8 mi., 3-yr.-olds, May 16.....\$50,000 Added  
**HANDICAP NACIONAL**, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, May 23.....\$20,000 Added  
**STAKES DE LA CONDESA**, 5 f., 2-yr.-olds, May 27.....\$6,250 Added  
**HANDICAP DE LAS AMERICAS**, 1 1-4 mi., 3 & up, May 30.....\$30,000 Added  
**STAKES JOCKEY CLUB MEXICANO**, 7 f., 3 & up, June 3.....\$6,250 Added  
**HANDICAP PRESIDENCIAL**, 1 1-8 mi., 3 & up, June 6.....\$50,000 Added  
 (Stakes nominations close May 1, 1943 except Mexican Bred or Owned Stakes).

### APRIL

8-May 8—Metropolitan Jockey Club, Jamaica, L. I. 27 days.  
**JAMAICA HANDICAP**, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May 1.....\$5,000 Added  
**YOUTHFUL STAKES**, 5 f., 2-yr.-olds, Wed., May 5.....\$5,000 Added  
**GREY LAG HANDICAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 8.....\$15,000 Added  
 22-May 8—Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico Race-track, Baltimore, Md.  
**DIXIE HANDICAP**, 1 3-16 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 1.....\$20,000 Added  
**THE SURVIVOR**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Tues., May 4.....\$2,500 Added  
**PIMLICO OAKS**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Wed., May 5.....\$10,000 Added  
**PIMLICO NURSERY**, 4 1/2 f., 2-yr.-olds, Fri., May 7.....\$2,500 Added  
**THE PREAKNESS**, 1 3-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., May 8.....\$50,000 Added  
 (Supplementary entries to the Preakness close Thursday, April 15, 1943.)

24-May 15—Churchill Downs Spring Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky.  
**THE BASHFORD MANOR STAKES**, 5 f., 2-yr.-old colts & geldings, Fri., May 30.....\$2,500 Added  
**THE KENTUCKY DERBY**, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., May 1.....\$75,000 Added  
**THE KENTUCKY OAKS**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Sat., May 8.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE KENTUCKY CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 15.....\$2,500 Added

### MAY

1-15—Sportsman's Park, National Jockey Club, Cicero, Ill. 13 days.  
 10-July 3—Charles Town, W. Va. 48 days.  
 10-June 5—Belmont Park, Westchester Racing Assn., Long Island, N. Y.  
**THE FASHION**, 4 1/2 f., 2-yr.-old fillies, Mon., May 10.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE TOBOGGAN CAP**, 6 f., 3 & up, Mon., May 10.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE SWIFT**, 7 f., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., May 12.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE METROPOLITAN CAP**, 1 mi., 3 & up, Sat., May 15.....\$10,000 Added  
**THE ACORN**, 1 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Wed., May 19.....\$10,000 Added  
**THE JUVENILE**, 5 f., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., May 22.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE WITHERS**, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., May 22.....\$15,000 Added  
**THE COACHIN GCLUB AMERICAN OAKS**, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Wed., May 26.....\$10,000 Added  
**THE PETER PAN CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., May 29.....\$7,500 Added  
**THE ROSEBEN CAP**, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., May 29.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE SUBURBAN CAP**, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Mon., May 31.....\$30,000 Added  
**THE TOP FLIGHT CAP**, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Thurs., June 3.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE NATIONAL STALLION**, 5 f., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., June 5.....\$5,000 Added  
**THE BELMONT**, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., June 5.....\$5,000 Added

17-June 19—Lincoln Fields Jockey Club, Inc., Crete, Ill. 30 days.  
 22-29—Woodbine Park, Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
**THE KING'S PLATE**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 and up, Ontario bred, May 22.....\$8,250 Added  
**QUEEN'S CUP (handicap)**, 1 mi., 70 yds., 3 and up, May 24.....\$1,500 Added  
**KING EDWARD GOLD CUP**, 1 1-16 mi., 3 and up, May 26.....\$2,000 Added  
**WOODSTOCK PLATE**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds, May 27.....\$1,500 Added  
**WILLIAM HENDRIE MEM'L (Handicap)**, 1 1-16 mi., 3 and up, (Canada bred), May 29.....\$2,000 Added  
**VICTORIA STAKES**, 1 1-16 mi., 2-yr.-olds, May 29.....\$1,500 Added  
 22-Aug. 14—Spring and summer meeting, Detroit Racing Association Fair Grounds, Detroit, Mich. 75 days of racing.  
**THE BOOTS AND SADDLE**, 6 furl., Cap., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., May 22.....\$5,000  
**THE MOTOR CITY CAP**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., May 29.....\$5,000  
**THE COL. ALGER MEM'L CAP**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Mon., May 31.....\$5,000  
**THE DETROIT CAP**, 6 furl., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., June 5.....\$5,000  
**THE CADILLAC CAP**, 6 furl., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., June 12.....\$7,500  
**THE ST. AUBIN CAP**, 5 furl., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., June 19.....\$5,000  
**THE SUMMER CAP**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., June 26.....\$10,000  
**THE ANNE ARBOR CAP**, 6 furl., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., July 3.....\$5,000  
**THE TEST CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Mon., July 5.....\$10,000

**THE MOSLEM TEMPLE CAP**, 5 1/2 furl., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., July 10.....\$5,000  
**THE SPORT OF KINGS CAP**, 6 furl., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., July 17.....\$7,500  
**THE GOVERNOR'S CAP**, 6 furl., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., July 24.....\$10,000  
**THE LANSING CAP**, 5 1/2 furl., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., July 31.....\$7,500  
**THE FRONTIER CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., Aug. 7.....\$10,000  
**THE GODOLPHIN CAP**, 1 1-16 mi., 3-yr.-olds and up, Sat., Aug. 14.....\$7,500  
 28-July 3—Wheeling, W. Va. 31 days.  
 29-July 5—Fairmount Park Jockey Club, Collingsville, Ill. 28 days.  
 31-June 7—Thorncliffe Park, Thorncliffe Park Racing & Breeding Assn., Lt., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### JUNE

7-26—Queens County Jockey Club, Aqueduct, L. I. 18 days.  
 8-15—Long Branch, Long Branch Jockey Club, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
 16-23—Dufferin Park, Metropolitan Racing Assn. of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
 21-July 31—Arlington Park Jockey Club, Inc., Arlington Heights, Ill. 36 days.  
 21-Sept. 6—Arlington Park Jockey Club, Inc. & Washington Park Jockey Club, Inc., at Homewood, Ill. 67 days.

### STAKES

**MYRTLEWOOD CAP**, 6 f., 3 & up, Mon., June 21.....\$5,000 Added  
**PRINCESS DOREEN STAKES**, 6 f., 3-yr.-old fillies, Wed., June 23.....\$5,000 Added  
**PRIMER STAKES**, 5 1/2 f., 2-yr.-olds, Thurs., June 24.....\$5,000 Added  
**EQUIPOISE MILE**, 1 mile, 3 & up, Sat., June 26.....\$10,000 Added  
**CINDERELLA CAP**, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Wed., June 30.....\$5,000 Added  
**ROLLING LAWN CAP**, (turf) 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., July 1.....\$5,000 Added  
**GLENCOE CAP**, 7 f., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., July 3.....\$5,000 Added  
**LASSIE STAKES**, 6 f., 2-yr.-old fillies, Sat., July 3.....\$10,000 Added  
**STARS & STRIPES CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Mon., July 5.....\$5,000 Added  
**NORTHWESTERN CAP**, 7 f., 3 & up, Wed., July 7.....\$5,000 Added  
**GREAT LAKES CLAIMING STAKES**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., July 8.....\$5,000 Added  
**ARLINGTON MATRON CAP**, 1 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., July 10.....\$10,000 Added  
**SKOKIE CAP**, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., July 14.....\$5,000 Added  
**GRASSLAND CAP**, (turf) 1 3-16 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., July 15.....\$5,000 Added  
**ARLINGTON FUTURITY**, 6 f., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., July 17.....\$20,000 Added  
**CLANG CAP**, 6 f., 3 & up, Wed., July 21.....\$5,000 Added  
**DESPLAINES CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., July 22.....\$5,000 Added  
**ARLINGTON CLASSIC**, 1 1/2 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., July 24.....\$50,000 Added  
**HYDE PARK STAKES**, 5 1/2 f., 2-yr.-olds, Wed., July 28.....\$5,000 Added  
**CLEOPATRA CAP**, 1 mi., 3-yr.-old fillies, Thurs., July 29.....\$5,000 Added  
**ARLINGTON CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., July 31.....\$30,000 Added

**FLOSSMOOR CAP**, (turf) 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Aug. 4.....\$5,000 Added  
**PRINCESS FAT STAKES**, 5 1/2 f., 2-yr.-old fillies, Thurs., Aug. 5.....\$5,000 Added  
**CHICAGO CAP**, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Aug. 7.....\$10,000 Added  
**DICK WELLES CAP**, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., Aug. 11.....\$5,000 Added  
**MODESTY CAP**, 7 f., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Thurs., Aug. 12.....\$5,000 Added  
**SHERIDAN CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Aug. 14.....\$10,000 Added  
**WASHINGTON PARK JUVENILE STAKES**, 6 f., 2-yr.-olds, Wed., Aug. 18.....\$5,000 Added  
**GREAT WESTERN CLAIMING CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Thurs., Aug. 19.....\$5,000 Added  
**BEVERLY CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, fillies & mares, Sat., Aug. 21.....\$10,000 Added  
**MEADOWLAND CAP**, (turf) 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Aug. 25.....\$7,500 Added  
**PRAIRIE STATE CLAIMING STAKES**, 5 1/2 f., 2-yr.-olds, Thurs., Aug. 26.....\$5,000 Added  
**AMERICAN DERBY**, 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Aug. 28.....\$50,000 Added  
**DREXEL CAP**, 1 mi., 3 & up, Wed., Sept. 1.....\$5,000 Added  
**HOMWOOD HIGHWEIGHT CAP**, 5 1/2 f., 3 & up, Thurs., Sept. 2.....\$5,000 Added  
**WASHINGTON PARK FUTURITY**, 6 f., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., Sept. 4.....\$20,000 Added  
**WASHINGTON PARK CAP**, 1 1/2 mi., 3 & up, Sept. 6.....\$30,000 Added  
 24-July 1—Hamilton, Hamilton Jockey Club, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.  
 28-July 24—Empire City Racing Assn., Yonkers, N. Y.

### JULY

7-Sept. 11—Garden State Racing Assn., Camden, N. J. No racing Mondays, Sept. 6 excepted, 50 days.  
 31-Aug. 19—Ascot Park, Akron, Ohio. 19 days.  
 31-Aug. 7—Hamilton, Hamilton Jockey Club, Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

### AUGUST

2-Sept. 6—Washington Park Jockey Club, Inc., Homewood, Ill. 31 days.  
 28-Oct. 9—Fairmount Park Jockey Club, Collingsville, Ill. 32 days.  
 30-Sept. 18—Queens County Jockey Club, Aqueduct, L. I. 11 days.

### SEPTEMBER

7-Oct. 16—Hawthorne, Chicago Business Men's Racing Assn., Cicero, Ill. 35 days.  
 20-Oct. 9—Belmont Park, Westchester Racing Assn., Long Island, N. Y.  
 25-Oct. 2—Woodbine Park, Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
 11-18—Thorncliffe Park, Thorncliffe Park Racing & Breeding Assn., Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### OCTOBER

6-13—Long Branch, Long Branch Jockey Club, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
 11-20—Metropolitan Jockey Club, Jamaica, L. I. 9 days.  
 16-23—Dufferin Park, Metropolitan Racing

Assn., of Canada, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.  
 18-30—Sportsman's Park, National Jockey Club, Cicero, Ill. 12 days.  
 21-Nov. 3—Empire City Racing Assn., Yonkers, N. Y.

## Steeplechasing

### MAY

Maryland Jockey Club, Pimlico Race Track, Baltimore, Md.  
**JERVIS SPENCER CHASE CAP**, 2 mi., 4 & up, Mon., May 3.....\$2,500 Added  
 Belmont Park, Westchester Racing Assn., Long Island, N. Y.  
**THE INTERNATIONAL CHASE CAP**, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up, Tues., May 11.....\$3,000 Added  
**THE CHARLES L. APPLETON MEMORIAL CUP CHASE**, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up, Tues., May 18.....\$3,000 Added  
**THE BELMONT SPRING MAIDEN CHASE**, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up, Thurs., May 20.....\$2,000 Added  
**THE CORINTHIAN CHASE CAP**, abt. 2 mi., 4 & up, Tues., May 25.....\$3,000 Added  
 22-29—Ontario Jockey Club Spring Meeting, Woodbine Park, Toronto, Canada.  
**FRASER MEM'L CHASE**, cap., 2 mi. furl., \$1,200 Added  
**THICK THORN HURDLE**, allow., 1 mi. 5 furl., 800  
**HOPEFUL PLATE HURDLE**, cap., 1 mi. 5 furl., 800  
**WOODBINE STEEPLECHASE**, cap., 2 mi. furl., \$1,200 Added

### JUNE

Belmont Park, Westchester Racing Assn., Long Island, N. Y.  
**THE MEADOW BROOK CHASE CAP**, abt. 2 1/2 mi., 4 & up, Tues., June 1.....\$5,000 Added

## Hunt Meetings

### MAY

6—Volunteer State Horseman's Association, Nashville, Tenn.

## Hunter Trials

### MAY

1—Glenmore Hunt, Staunton, Va.  
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# Bulletin Board

## WAR PAGE—

The Chronicle is a horse paper. We will follow the horse wherever he may go. If we can be instrumental in gaining for the horse proper recognition, whereby he can establish himself as a factor in the winning of this war, we must do so. Then, be very sure we will try to follow him on the fronts where he is used.

## THE CHRONICLE SPREADS—

The strength of our influence in the world of the horse through the field lies in widespread circulation. We are constantly striving to this end. Last week we listed 10 new subscribers. Two of them in Canada and England, the other eight, each in a different state, from Texas to Connecticut, and Colorado to Maryland, so we reach out.

## MANY USES OF THOROUGHBREDS—

In this issue the many uses of the Thoroughbred are very apparent. We have recordings of him in polo, exhibiting in the circus, as well as in the show ring, flat racing, steeplechasing, hunting and in the Army. Give him a decent break and he can go do things anywhere.

# Horsemen's



## News-

### Stakes Summaries

Saturday, April 24

Excelsior Handicap, Jamaica a, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner, \$9,300; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: B. g. (5) by Coldstream—Edith A., by \*Mount Beacon. Trainer: M. Jolley. Time: 1.44 2-5.

1. Riverland, (Louisiana Farm), 124, S. Brooks.
2. Minee-Mo, (J. B. Partridge), 108, H. Lindberg.
3. Marriage, (R. A. Coward), 121, E. Guerin.

Eleven started; also ran (order of finish): A. J. Sackett's Tola Rose, 117, W. Merhtens; Greentree Stable's Devil Diver, 115, J. Gilbert; T. H. Heard, Jr.'s Boysy, 114, G. Woolf; The Barrington Stable's Scotland Light, 110, C. McCreary; Belair Stud's Apache, 122, J. Stout; W-L Ranch's Paperboy, 103, T. Atkinson; C. S. Howard's Midland, 121, A. Robertson; Binglin Stock Farm's Don Bingo III, V. Nodarse. Won easily by 5; place driving by 2 1/2; show same by a nose. Scratched: Wait A Bit, Redthorn.

### From The Thoroughbred Racing Association

When Mrs. John Knight Waters received a trophy from the Maryland Jockey Club at Pimlico in honor of her husband and the occasion, Johnny Waters Day for war relief, she commented that it was merely "a thirty-year-old habit of her family." What Mrs. Waters meant was that over thirty years ago her father, now Lt. General George S. Patton, Jr., used to ride in steeplechase races at Pimlico and had won several trophies for his more notable victories. "I remember those plates very well," she commented, "because when I was a good little girl my father used to let me eat ice cream off them." Today Mrs. Waters' father is distinguished as the head of the American forces in North Africa under General Eisenhower and her husband, Lt. Col. Waters, is a prisoner of the Axis in Germany. In February, Eisenhower paid the finest tribute to this soldier ever when he prayed to God that he be permitted to do his duty "as well as Johnny Waters did his." Incidentally, one of General Patton's riding competitors in those steeplechase races at Pimlico thirty years ago was Billy Mitchell, the General of a decade ago who predicted that air power would be the deciding factor in the next world war.

### 'Chasing Comments

That *Fieldfare* can run like a blue streak is a fact, a hard-twisted sort, now turned iron gray, by Imp. *Royal Minstrel*, he is likely to do well for owner W. S. Sprague and trainer John Bosley. Maybe Penrod could let his stirrups out a bit with this sort of a ride.

Nice to see the good mare *Simoon* going right along again for Pete Bostwick. Then *Ossabaw*, the 9-year-old tight coupled, big jumper seems to be starting his season with foot enough to stay up there. The big girthed Imp. *Frederic II* will probably campaign like he did last season, hard to get to the bottom of him.

Looking down the list, they are

### \$33,400 Allocated For Detroit 'Chasing Purses

We have been able to add to our Sporting Calendar 15 Handicaps for the Fair Grounds at Detroit, all of them of \$5,000, \$7,500 and \$10,000, which will be attractive with the men who have horses to race. These are racing conditions for the 1st 12 days. The fifth race on Monday the 24th, of May is a Steeplechase, conditions not yet announced. Then on Thursday the 27th another but still with no details. Then going on to June 3rd, a Thursday, there is another steeplechase, no details yet. For this reason we have not been able to list them in the Calendar.

However it is felt that they are going about it in the right way, without stressing what they can do till they see better how the whole plan shapes up for this initial year of the sport.

Evidence of the fact that they are preparing to place 'chasing on a strong footing is in their listing of events in numbers and purses. There are allocations made for 2 steeplechases of \$5,000, 2 of \$3,500, 2 of \$2,500, 2 of \$2,000, 2 of \$1,500, 2 of \$1,200 and 2 of \$1,000. An inducement that cannot be taken lightly by the men who own and train the good horse who goes through the field.

practically all horses of a nice age to stand a stiff season. There are a few 4-year-olds that will need care in the amount of actual racing they get, and a couple of 3-year-olds. A Double Scotch gelding, *Flying Kilts* is only 3 and a *Jamestown* filly also is 3, in *Susan Constant*, she out of an Imp. *Wrack* mare.

Its good to see Harry La Montagne with a winner in Imp. *Lechlade*. The combination of Arthur White and Jockey Cruz seems to have worked overtime this week in the winner's circle. J. E. Ryan turned in a regular Irish performance, in names, with Dick Mellon's Imp. *St. Patrick's Day* on the 21st, and with J. Magee in the saddle to make it 100 per cent. There are 7 imports, going through the field this year.

## The Sporting Calendar

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### Horse Shows

#### MAY

- 1—Fifteenth Annual McDonogh School Fair and Horse Show.
- 8—Fairfax Hall Junior College, Waynesboro, Va.
- 9—Third Annual Nappa Valley Horsemen's Ass'n. Spring Horse Show, Calif.
- 9—Corinthian Club, Md.
- 10—Foxcroft School, Middleburg, Va.
- 15—16—Cape Fear Horse Show, Wilmington, North Carolina.
- 22—Blue Ridge Hunt, Carter Hall Grove, Millwood, Va.
- 22-23—Second Annual Farmington Horse Show, Farmington, Mass.
- 23-24—Sacramento Riding Club, Calif.
- 28—Massachusetts Military Academy Spring Horse Show, Woodstock, Va.
- 28-29-30—Atlanta Horse Show, Ga.
- 29—Sherwood Horse and Pony Show, Timonium, Md.
- 29-30—Deep Run Horse Show, Richmond, Va.

#### JUNE

- 5—Greenville, S. C.
- 5—Long Green, Baldwin, Md.
- 6—Metropolitan Horsemen's Assn., Oakland, Calif.
- 6—The Irondequoit Spur Club, Rochester, New York.
- 11-12—Sedgefield Horse Show, Sedgefield, N. C.
- 12—St. Margaret's Hunt Club, Annapolis, Md.
- 13—The Boot and Spur Club, Casper, Wyoming
- 13th Annual Horse Show.
- 18-19—Winston Salem, North Carolina.
- 19—Greystone Horse and Pony Show, Md.
- 23-26—Charles Town, W. Va. Horse Show Association Annual Show.
- 26—Toronto Horse Show, Eglington Hunt Club Grounds, York Mills.

#### JULY

- 3—York Horse Show, York, Pa.

#### AUGUST

- 21—Long Green Carnival, Long Green, Md.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 6—St. Margaret's Church, Annapolis, Md.
- 18—Pikesville Kiwanis Club, Pikesville, Md.

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### Final Payment Due On The Five Closed Stakes At Chicago

Arlington Park can now be named Arlington Farm. Crops will include 40 acres of oats, 20 of wheat, 10 of corn and 30 to hay. There will also be about a 2 acre vegetable garden lot.

As the track owns 18 Belgian horses for work and 4 saddle horses, these will be largely taken care of by this feed raised.

There will be a surplus that can be sold however.

Particular satisfaction has been expressed over the \$1,500 minimum purse for overnight races, Everett said. He also declared that there has been much favorable comment on the series of graded races in the condition book, and on the liberal offerings of overnight features carrying purses of \$1,800 to \$2,500.

The graded races are to take the places of some of those which formerly were run under claiming conditions and are calculated to protect from claim some of the better horses in the various claiming grades. The four grades—A, B, C, and D—are arranged to provide engagements for horses ranging in value from those which have run in handicap company and the highest claiming brackets down to platers of the \$2500-\$2000 variety. The races are so written that horses participating in them will actually grade themselves by their performances. There are fourteen graded races in the book for the first twelve days of the 67-day co-ordinated meeting which runs through Labor Day, September 6.

During its 36-day share of the season, Arlington Park will distribute \$232,500 in stakes, \$416,500 in overnight purses, a total of \$649,000; while Washington Park, in its 31 days, will offer \$182,500 in stake endowments, \$361,300 in overnights, a total of \$543,800. This makes a grand total of \$1,192,800, a daily average of \$17,542 for the two associations. These are the tracks' own distribution figures and do not include any of the stake fees for nominations, eligibility payments and starters, which will increase the total by more than \$250,000.

Everett also called attention to the final payments due May 1 on the five closed stakes—the \$50,000 Classic, \$50,000 American Derby, \$20,000 Arlington Futurity, \$20,000 Washington Park Futurity and \$10,000 Lassie Stakes.

### Eastern Shore Breeding

The Agents who have Remount stallions on the Eastern Shore report expectations of more mares bred this year than last. It is the same consistently encouraging news which has come in from most sources.



## Thoroughbreds

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former are not shoemakers and the latter numbskulls)—and investigated their innermost arcana, they move upon their pedigrees . . . With brightly blooming results.

If no other reason in the world for the performance of **Clam Shell** can be adduced when, after having been proclaimed a moral, ethical and pontifical certainty, he runs ninth—why, let's take a look at his pedigree!

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Moreover, this lovely system is of the double-back-action variety, the gods be praised!

It explains—when used by an authentic explainer—the merits, as well as the weaknesses, of blood-lines; and the abilities, as well as the disabilities, of the steeds possessing 'em.

For instance:—

Right now the most interesting Thoroughbred in America is the brown 3-year-old **Count Fleet**, bred and owned by Mrs. John D. Hertz of New York City.

The all-winter favorite for the Kentucky Derby, when the field parades to the post for that celebrated event tomorrow at Churchill Downs, the present indications are that he will outsell the entire opposition—and, if public (and private) form "means anything"—anything at all—that he will leave them struggling behind him at the finish . . . Just as his sire, **Reigh Count**, did fifteen years ago when he won the same classic from one of the best fields that ever contested it.

Now, if **Reigh Count** won the Derby in his year, and his son **Count Fleet** wins it in his, the perfectly natural impulse will be to say:

"Like father, like son!"

But, alas, that would be quite too obvious to satisfy those who want to know and to whom anything that is obvious is something of which we should also be oblivious.

So—the pedigree of **Count Fleet** has been put under the search-light, or the microscope, or the lie-detector, or whatever is most apropos. And a great discovery has been made.

This being nothing more nor less than the fact that **Reigh Count's** contribution to the character of his son "don't mean nuthin'"—it being explicable by going several generations further back and digging up ancestors much more remote.

If **Count Fleet** wins the Derby, those who want to know the why have been told . . . Beyond peradventure of error.

While the double-back-action part of the process remains precisely as

## Illness Will Prevent Rockmayne's Entry In Iroquois Memorial

BY BOB RULE

The Iroquois Memorial Steeplechase, three miles over 18 brush and water jumps, has its third renewal near Nashville, Tenn., next Saturday, May 8, and there'll be a new winner of the Green Pastures Challenge Cup this time.

A rather serious illness has removed **Rockmayne**, **Rockminister**—Imp. **May Go**, from the field. The 8-year-old bay gelding owned by Lowry Watkins of Louisville, Ky., developed a cold and coughing this week and is threatened with pneumonia.

Cold weather at Louisville has hampered **Rockmayne's** training and the illness is believed to have resulted from training in unfavorable conditions.

**Rockmayne** won the Iroquois in both 1941 and '42, and this year could have retired the Green Pastures Cup, presented by Mason Houghland, president of the Volunteer State Horsemen's Association.

The absence of **Rockmayne** will throw the Iroquois field wide open, with six standout entries remaining in competition for the cup and cash prize.

Perhaps the standout of the remaining field is Imp. **Frederic II**, **Lacken**—**Fanglia** by **Flechois**, entered under the colors of Hickory Valley Stable of Silliman Evans, publisher of the Chicago Sun.

Owned by I. Bieber of New York and trained by Hirsch Jacobs, Imp. **Frederic II** won 6 steeplechase and hurdle races last year for \$6,885 in purses, racing at Belmont, Pimlico, Havre de Grace and the United Hunt meets.

Hickory Valley Stable, located at Nashville, has leased Imp. **Frederic II** for the race and by Iroquois Day he may be established the favorite in the expected field of six.

Others entered at the present writing are:

**Domir D'Or**, **Apex**—**Dreamtime** by **Sweep On**, 10-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Dr. C. L. Haywood of Elkin, N. C. Rider for the Haywood entry has not been announced.

**Judge Glory**, 7-year-old bay gelding by **Judge Hay**, owned and to be ridden by Carter P. Brown of Tryon, N. C.

**Hemerocallis**, 7-year-old brown gelding by **Crucifixion**, owned and to be ridden by Austin Brown of Tryon, N. C.

**Reigh O'Malley**, **Glenn Reigh**—**Lily O'Malley**, 8-year-old brown gelding owned by Col. P. T. Cheff of Holland, Mich., to be ridden by Jimmy Helder, Holland, Mich.

**Bank Robber**, Imp. **Hourless**—**No Quarter**, 11-year-old black gelding, owned by John Sloan of Nashville, Tenn., to be ridden by Ernest Hardtson, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.

valid.

For—if he should get beaten, it will immediately be vouchsafed that the reason was because there wasn't enough of the correct element to put him over . . . If it had just been a mite more numerous, all would have been well.

For thus the grand old game keeps right on going 'round and around. And getting nowhere.

Despite the absence of **Rockmayne**, the Iroquois Field shapes up as one of the best balanced in the 3-year history of the event. If all 6 nominees go to the post, another fast race is expected. **Rockmayne** won the 1941 Iroquois in 5:41 2-5 and negotiated the 3 mile distance in 5.42 last year.

The Tennessee steeplechase honors Iroquois, Imp. **Leamington**—**Maggie B. B.** by Imp. **Australian**, only American-bred horse to win the English Derby at Epsom.

Bred by Mr. A. Welch, Erdenheim Stud, Philadelphia, **Iroquois** was purchased as a yearling by Mr. Pierre Lorillard. He was raced in England as a 2-year-old and won 4 races in 12 starts. At 3 he ran second in the 2,000 Guineas, then won the Derby, Prince of Wales Stakes, St. James Palace Stakes and the St. Leger.

He was purchased by General William H. Jackson of Nashville and retired to the Belle Meade Stud, near Nashville. He died at Belle Meade in 1900 and is buried in his paddock there.

Five other races will support the Iroquois. The Marcellus Frost Hunter Steeplechase at a mile and a half has attracted 5 standout hunters, and the Truxton Purse Flat Race also will have a good field. Two pony races and the comic Monkey Simon Mule Race complete the program.

The Tennessee steeplechase, which is run over a municipally-owned course in Percy Warner Park, has been dedicated to the men in the armed forces. Military dignitaries from nearby camps will participate in opening ceremonies, which will have a military theme.

Built in a natural amphitheater, the race course has caused Tennesseans to claim for it the title of the "most beautiful in the world." A crowd of 35,000 saw the inaugural race and 25,000 attended in 1942. Another large throng, dominated by men in service, is expected May 8.

## 48 Days Of Racing For Charles Town

On May 10th and going on to July 3rd the popular track at Charles Town, West Virginia, so accessible to Washington, and so generally used by the race goers of the Capital City will hold its spring meeting. The track is good going as usual. The class of horses stabled there are far above the average. Details are not available at this moment, but The Chronicle will assuredly keep readers posted and give information next week that will bear on the event. One thing is certain, people from the Virginia hunting country, even though they are not race addicts will go see them run at Charles Town when they don't attend any other meeting in the year.

## Aqueduct 'Chasing

Just came in the nomination blanks for the Queens County Jockey Club Steeplechase and Hurdle events. They are as follows:—

Monday, June 7. The Spring Maiden Steeplechase—about 2 miles, \$2,000 added (closed March 20, '43 with 31 nominations). This race has been transferred from Delaware Park, due to the cancellation of the Meeting

there for 1943.

Wed., June 9. The Lion Heart Chase 'Cap—2 miles, \$3,000 added.

Wed., June 16. The Cagliostro Hurdle 'Cap—about 1 1/4 miles, \$2,500 added.

Wed., June 23. The Hitchcock Chase 'Cap—about 2 1/2 miles, \$5,000 added.

These nominations close Saturday, May 15, 1943.

These dates will be transferred to the Calendar for next week.

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## Men and Ponies

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ponies; they pulled not, neither did they falter. His safety off the field was closely watched by Detective Inspector Alfred Burt of Scotland Yard who stood unobtrusively on the sidelines. •

I had known Inspector Burt in London, some years before. And when he arrived in Long Island in '24 he invited me to call on him at the Prince's Syosset home. We had a pleasurable meeting and on leaving his apartment he handed me two bottles of scotch which were beautifully decorated in ribbons and seals and labelled, "His Majesty's Blend". I held each bottle firmly by the neck (for this was during prohibition) and started to make my way out of the house. As I neared the door I met Lord Louis Mountbatten in conversation with the Prince's aide—Gen. Trotter. Both men stared at me somewhat critically then dropped their eyes to the two bottle. I wouldn't have been surprised had they said: "Hold him, he's got the Prince's special stuff." They doubtless would have made some such explanation had not the man from Scotland Yard been by my side.

Inspector Burt was a scientific sleuth of the Sherlock Holmes variety. He once solved a baffling murder mystery by a microscopic bloodstain on a match. The story is recorded in the book—Forty Years of Scotland Yard.

Every polo player who had fondled the hope of owning an International pony has, I suppose, visited the Post ranch on the edge of East Williston. It was here, at the finish of each International series that players of an ambitious rating were offered their choice from a collection of mounts of first class reputation.

It was here, in 1926, that 36 Argentine ponies sold for a total of \$135,000. And it was here, in 1927, that the string of the Army-In-India were fancied to the lavish extent of \$140,000.

In the following year, on October 12th, all known records for the sale of polo ponies were substantially broken at the Post ranch when the Argentine string of 42 were led up one by one to bring a grand total of \$276,000. Towards this fund W. R. Grace contributed \$15,000 for Bonita; \$10,000 for Rancho and \$7,500 for Windsor.

John Hay Whitney paid \$13,000 for Galco and \$10,500 for Chamico. A \$9,000 nod from Seymour Knox secured Marabu. Stephen Sanford bid Santos Vegas to \$14,000 and Jupiter, a chestnut gelding, up to \$22,000—the peak figure of all time for a polo pony.

At the Argentine sale of 9 years later (that of '36) 49 ponies were to be sold and not many more than 49 out of the crowd of 1,500 were prepared to spend money on International ponies. Nearly everyone there, debts, do-wagers and dyed-in-the-wool horsemen, had seen the mounts on the fields of Meadow Brook and now wanted to watch their expensive transfer to American ownership.

The Gauchos had been at work all morning preparing food for the assemblage. Food was there in abundance; it took no less than 12 lambs, several heaps of macaroni and many slabs of cake to feed the multitude. The lambs, split like herrings, were roasted to a deep brown over a fire built in a sand pit. The Gauchos, in their operative costume of full trousers, tight boots and silver daggers, did their best to put everyone in a mood to spend money.

No sporting event in the region of Wheatley Hills, no matter whether it be a cock fight or a steeplechase, would be complete in its attendance if Ambrose Clark were absent. The robust gentleman pulled in in time for the sale on his coach and four and without any fuss parked it neatly in a corner of the stable yard.

When the feast was over the serious business of soliciting bids got under way. The auctioneer and his assistants mounted the pulpit with Jack Nelson, Captain of the Argentine team. The atmosphere was tense. The waiting ponies, out in the sunlight, stared nervously as if sensing all the importance of the proceedings.

Mr. Nelson, speaking in a soft accent acquired at the University of Cambridge, opened the sale with a few remarks on the merits of the well-bred string many of which, he said, "have the choice ancestry of Collar Stud, Tracery, Perrier and Craganour."

He told, modestly enough, how the ponies had travelled 20,000 miles and galloped over fields in Belgium, in France, and in Germany. He added, after a dramatic pause, "You have seen them on the grounds of Meadow Brook."

This was auctioneering restrained and high class. They could do no better selling the Romanoff jewels at Christie's.

The auctioneer took over and the first pony was sold shyly at \$3,500. The second went to \$3,800 and the third, steadily climbing, brought \$4,700. The ponies were finding new owners without delay. Money wasn't scarce, at least not in this crowd.

Winston Guest, who had offered \$30,000 for three on the day before the sale paid \$1,700 for the fifth to go on the block. This was Marcelina, a lissom chestnut mare, who, before being adapted to polo, had won seven out of eight races. Mr. Guest's next purchase—Confits, cost him \$10,000. And a little later in the sale he contributed \$11,000 to the bank account of Herbert Duggan for Cometa, a seven-year-old grand-daughter of the English Derby winner—Craganour.

One of the early entrants—Flora Azteca, a dainty-looking chestnut, couldn't seem to rouse a bid. Finally, someone said \$300. Then by a couple of fifties the advances leisurely went to \$400. Fred Wettach, who had just returned from a three weeks' round of the show circuit, stood by with a pocketful of prize money that he had won on his open horse By Request. (Part of that \$28,000 that By Request had earned in 10 years of open jumping.) Mr. Wettach shouted \$500 and there the bidding ceased. He secured the cheapest and one of the best entries in the sale.

Balin, a 9-year-old chestnut gelding, whose reputation took up three inches of space in the sale catalogue, was expected to make the top price of the auction. Balin went to Mr. Sanford's stable for \$7,500.

Messrs. Sanford, Whitney and Knox engaged in a spirited bidding duel when Lucky Strike came into the ring. The pony was left to Mr. Sanford at \$12,000.

The record price of the sale \$14,500 was given by John Hay Whitney for a 7-year-old brown gelding with the musical name of Chingole.

And so they went, the 49 ponies, to bring a total of \$167,000. They had, as Mr. Nelson had said, been selected from 14,000 ponies then in training in the Argentine. Several came into the ring carrying injuries received on the polo field but as far as the bidding went no one seemed to mind these blemishes. One, as the auctioneer (Mr. Bain) put it: "was hit on the eye by a Frenchman." Another had the sight of only one eye and two were led up to the block taking tender steps.

The men who had given all these costly bids to the auctioneer knew that on every occasion where there is a race for the ball "an ounce of blood is worth a pound of bone." This quality of the clean bred pony is not by any means a recent recognition in polo. As far back as 1889 a member of Hurlingham (Mr. T. S. Kennedy) played a Thoroughbred mare named Dancing Girl by Sefton (winner of the Derby in 1887) out of Pretty Dancer. Dancing Girl is mentioned in the Badminton Library—Polo—as being the handiest and fastest pony of her day.

I made no note of the number of mares in the '36 Argentine sale but I'm sure they were well represented among the 49 ponies sold.

The precept of Mahomet: "Let mares be preferred, their bellies are a treasure, their backs the seat of honor," could be given as valuable advice to the beginning polo player. Mares have proved themselves both useful and durable in the galloping game.

Quality tells, quality, that quintessence of selective breeding, reveals itself in man or beast even though seen under the guise of ill condition. This was profitably illustrated in the finding of two internationalists conspicuous in the high goal events of the early 20's. These two ponies, as 4-year-olds, were observed on an afternoon of December 1915 strolling at pasture on a small farm near Aiken, and Aiken, it may be noted, is the most exposed place on earth as a hide-away for a Thoroughbred amenable to polo.

The veteran dealer, Fred Post, got a report on the strangers and that night, when darkness was falling, he rode over to see them and interview their owner. After tying up his horse he had a talk with their owner—the farmer. The farmer said that he liked a Thoroughbred horse just as much as anyone in Aiken and didn't want to part with the two he owned, although he and they had the misfortune to be poor. With that statement a horse deal seemed to be off so the two men had a sociable drink.

In relating the incident to me Mr. Post said that the moonshine highball stirred his anxiousness to own the two ponies. He began to wonder how much money he had in his pocket. He couldn't be sure so he quietly counted his change. In the dim light of the back porch the dealer counted his bankroll. It amounted to \$200.

He went back to the house and setting a nominal price on the value of the ponies squeezed the \$200 into the farmer's hand, promising to send over the balance in the morning. The farmer, with a resolution weakened by the feel of hard cash, quietly said, "All right."

In the meanwhile Mr. Post's horse had broken away from its moorings, but he, thinking that the farmer might change his mind about the deal and return the \$200, didn't go back to the house to tell about his difficulties. Oh, no, he went on to his ranch, across the fields, in the rain and darkness, buoyed up with exhilarating thoughts about his bargain.

The next day both ponies were in the Post stable and given the names of Sugar Babe and Hanseletta. They were schooled that winter on the Aiken fields and in 1916 sold to Alexander Smith Cochran. After a few years they graduated to big time polo, with a combined value of \$15,000.

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SON OF FAMOUS JUMPER SIRE  
(Courtesy Fort Riley)



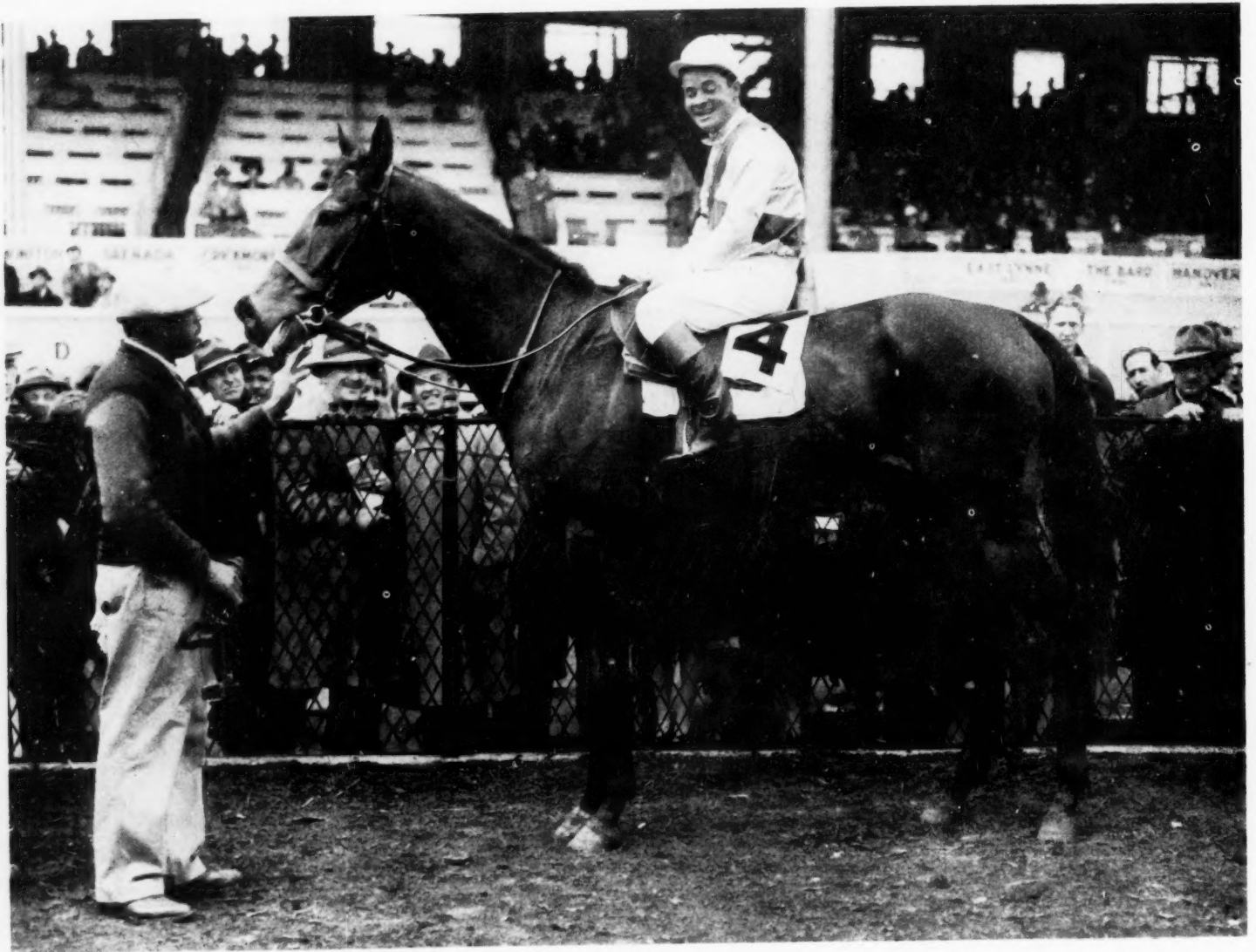
While the name of Mars Hughes brings to mind many famous Riley jumpers, that of Gordon Russell can be coupled with it. After reading Zeke Low's interesting news from Kansas City, we are glad to be able to present this picture. The 7-year-old is not standing to best advantage it is true, yet his jumping points are clearly defined to men who are used to looking for them. "GORDON'S CHANCE, b.g., 7 yrs., GORDON RUSSELL--GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, 16.2-1/2, 1200 lbs. With a natural leap and kindly disposition, he makes a fine jumper prospect and has inherited substance and willingness from his famous sire. GORDON'S CHANCE is now being schooled slowly and is making good progress. Owned by Col. Oliver I. Holman, Cav." So says the caption sent us by the School.

ROUGE DRAGON AGAIN  
(Pimlico Photo Service)



Not contented with winning the Guna, the son of ANNA-POLIS--\*PIMENTO II has just annexed the Annibal to further himself as the bread winner for the newly established Cushman stable. This grandson of MAN o'WAR has the bottom to him to go on and do well by himself this year. He is a 5-year-old and undoubtedly his owner, Cushman and trainer, Jones will see to it that he is not asked to do too much this early in the season.

THE PIMLICO SPRING MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE  
(Pimlico Photo Service)



The winner. DELHI DAN, \*DAN IV--CLIFTONS BELLE--\*COQ GAULOIS, H. Cruz up. \*DAN IV has sired many good horses and recently 'till his death stood at Front Royal Remount. CLIFTONS BELLE was one of the best mares turned out by Dr. L. M. Allen at Clifton Farm, she the dam of ERMINE COAT. From the hands of Rigan McKinney, she was lately sold to go to New York. DELHI DAN himself was bred at the same farm, sold to Captain Ewart Johnson as a big 2-year-old, raced most successfully at that age, but too much; could not come back at three as a consequence. However, in the interim he was given a much needed rest and passed into the hands of Mrs. Dodge Sloan, this win demonstrates that the \*DAN IV--\*COQ GAULOIS cross is worthy of notice.



Over the water jump at Pimlico, #8, BANK NOTE, J. S. Harrison up, #2, DEDHAM, S. Riles, #7, BRIDLESPUR, R. Almoney and #4, DELHI DAN, H. Cruz, the winner. In spite of the lack of Hunt Meetings this spring, it is quite likely that the 'chasers will have one of the most gruelling seasons they have had for many years. Revived interest in Canada and the installation of substantial inducements at Detroit will undoubtedly have an effect on the situation. Which is definitely off to a good start. Right: Presentation of the Trophy. L. to r.: Henry A. Parr, III, President of the Maryland Jockey Club, Jockey H. Cruz and Arthur White, trainer.



## Notes From Great Britain

By J. FAIRFAX-BLAKEBOROUGH

### Good Markets And Poaching Will Probably Cause A Shortage Of Hares

The hare is said to take leave of her (hares for some reason are always feminine!) senses in March, but it is the wild antics of the 'Jacks' which have given rise to the simile "As mad as a March hare." I don't think his silly season of lovemaking deserves to be classed as insanity any more than that of many other beasts and birds which in their endeavours to appear at their best, and to impress the opposite sex, often act strangely. I have found much entertainment in watching the sparring of 'Jack' hares in March, and in their sudden whirlwind circus performances, but we haven't had much opportunity of seeing all this in 1943. The fact is that hares, like rabbits, have a market value about three times that of pre-war. Hence, with such a price on their heads, farmers have paid them a good deal of attention and rumour has it that there has been more poaching than for some years. There will probably therefore, be a shortage of hares for some time, not only on the market but as breeding stock. Often we have heard hare hunters and coursing men say that their sport has been spoiled because there have been too many hares. Not in many areas can this be said today. Someone asked me recently why country folk nearly always refer to hares as "old", and why they so often gave the same prefix to foxes. I have noticed this myself but have no theory as to the reason.

#### Old Foxes

Mention of "old" foxes reminds me that a well-known Master of Hounds wrote to me this week:

"I am inclined to think that during the 1942-43 season the foxes killed were mostly young ones. Certainly it was so in my country, and other Masters have told me that their hounds have accounted for very few old foxes. In addition to this we all know that a considerable number of litters were destroyed before they had ever left the breeding earths. The result will be that when hunting gets into full swing again there should be some wonderful sport, for it is old seasoned foxes, knowing a considerable area of country, that give runs containing great points, and that stand up before hounds for such long periods. One of the best huntsmen who ever blew a horn, or cheered a hound, used to say "the yellower the tooth and the gamer and straighter-necked the fox." There is, so experience has taught me, a lot in this."

Fox litters will soon be making their appearance—and how fascinating they are to watch when old enough to play about the earth mouth—Let us hope that before October brings out the horn again for early morning cubhunting we will have peace and the youngsters back again.

#### Helping Farmers

Time was when farmers looked to the tradesmen they patronised, and the tradesmen's assistants and ap-

prentices, to help them during the pre-machinery "rush" periods of haytime and harvest. The grocer, tailor, shoemaker, blacksmith, and so on, together with their employees, all went to lend a hand. Generally they were not novices at using a fork, or hay-rake, at loadening or driving carts, at making a "pike" or stack, at tying up sheaves, or stooking. In my youth almost every villager was connected in some way with the land, and was reared in agricultural tradition and atmosphere. Moreover, no matter what line of the life they had chosen, if they remained in village or little market town, their calling was usually inseparably and closely associated with agriculture, and their hands and muscles were kept hard by manual work. It is otherwise with schoolboys and townsfolk who are being urged to spend their holidays this year on farms, or in hostels and camps, so that they may assist in the ingathering of the hay and corn crops. Someone the other day said "Instead of idling on the beaches the jaded town workers will find new energy and new interests in the open air on the farms. His or her, muscles may ache at first, but in the end the "treatment will do the heart good". He didn't mention the blisters on the hands or the inexperienced who follow the use of hay-fork or rake, or the blisters on the feet which result from long hours on unaccustomed, uneven ground. Neither did he include the torments of the damned which come to those unaccustomed to the work, when their arms are sun-scalded and their soft hands are full of prickles. But, notwithstanding all these drawbacks, the game is worth the candle, and farmers (some of whom have hitherto considered "townies" more trouble than they were worth), will welcome all the help they can get during haytime and harvest, especially if the weather is such as to make the ingathering period what is called "a catchy time."

#### Farmers' Wives

Not so long ago, on the rare occasions when a farmer wooed and wed a girl not born on and of the land, it was thought he was courting ruin and disaster. In many cases it was so, for in our time "the mistress" on a farm was almost (if not quite) as hard worked as anyone on the place, and when her daughters were old enough they too, found a place awaiting them in the scheme of things. They were responsible for "serving calves", for much of the milking, for butter-making, and, at turnip-hoeing, haytime, harvest, "taty-scratting", and other "throng times", they quite naturally lent a hand. All this was in addition to their domestic duties. Since this century dawned it has become quite customary for farmers to marry outside the realms of agriculture with the full knowledge that their wives had no experience of stock or farm work and had no intention of learning. Moreover, it was largely this type who brought to an end the age-old system of farm men and lads "living in" with their masters. The bride, unaccustomed to the usages of rural England, objected to the extra work these men and lads occasioned, and gradually the old system was generally broken down to the detriment of agriculture. It used to be that villagers with many mouths to feed, looked forward to the time when their boys and girls were old

enough to leave school and to "go to farm place." It was known they would be much better fed than they had been at home, and that at the end of the year for which they were hired, they would be physically fitter as the result of a good pasture. Indeed, when farm lads discussed their "places", it was not so much in terms of work and wages, as whether they were "good meat houses". It was a sorry day when men and lads were no longer housed on farms, and this change was partially responsible for the exodus to the towns.

To return, however, to farmers' wives. Whether born of farming stock or not, they have been amongst the heroines of these war years. I

am in entire agreement with someone who the other day said:

Of all those engaged in the war effort, the farmer's wife remains most in the background, whereas as a matter of fact, without decorations and without even uniform, she is carrying out essential work.

Many, if not most of them, have had their domestics taken from them at a time when work, indoor and out, has been increased. They have turned their hands to all manner of jobs amongst stock and in the fields to which they were unaccustomed, and which may be distasteful to them, although such duties were what every farmer's wife in our young days looked upon as part of her life.

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# Editorials

## THE COST OF PRODUCTION

This business of bringing on horses, ponies or cobs to a useful age and then being able to sell them at a price that is not out of reach for the buyer or so low as to leave the seller badly in the hole, is far from reaching proper adjustment.

Practically every breeder has a different problem, it is next to impossible to lay a finger on any answer. To turn out animals for the "using" market, which does not pay much, the cost of production must be cut to the lowest cent. The breeder must be prepared to just "come out" on most of his sales and make hay on a few "top" animals to a specialized market.

The whole crop of colts should go through the same basic "growing on". Cost of mares, cost of stud fees, feeding of mares while in foal, cost of foals in their 1st and 2nd years, all must be kept at a minimum. By then there will assuredly be one or two that will bear the earmarks of reaching top material, these should be given especial care and education. The "run of the band" must stay in the low cost corrals and pastures. Their education from this point must be a matter of breaking them to be "quiet to ride", by the most economical method.

This is not offered as a solution of the problem. But rather to give food for thought. Horses, Government priced horses, will be in demand, everyone must try production of the animal that WILL MEET SPECIFICATIONS COMPLETELY.

## THEY GO TO FOX OR BADGER

An advertisement in an English paper states that terriers are for sale. Their actual breed is not stated, just "their parents go to fox or badger". It is something that is worth noticing, as long as they are bred from stock that will go do the job, the bloodlines of the ancestry are not matter of much moment. These terriers are sold to go and get a job done, they are recommended on the basis of the parents, who are capable. It is not a bad way to look on production of good using animals. A horse to be a good cavalry horse, does not have to be particularly well bred, in the sense of the stud book, but his parents must be good of their breed, for work.

# Letters to the Editor

## Framingham Show

Dear Sir:

Last year the Framingham Horse Show was the only show held in Massachusetts and it turned out to be extremely successful both financially and also from an exhibitor's stand-point. It is, as you know, held

at John R. Macomber's famous Raceland here in Framingham. It is being run all day Saturday, and Sunday afternoon, May 22nd and May 23rd.

Last year we had a total of 37 classes for the two days and well over one hundred horses participated in the show. This year we have added six new classes, which include

four breeding classes for, strange to say, Massachusetts horsemen having the past two years, shown a sudden interest in breeding and we already have a total of 22 horses, colts or fillies, entered for the breeding classes and to date have over eighty entries of older horses.

There is considerable local interest and we feel very sure that from an exhibitor's stand-point, this year's show will far exceed the 1942 show which was our first.

I am forwarding under separate cover our premium list which, I might add, does not contain the breeding classes as, frankly, these classes were an afterthought but created so much interest that they have been added to the show.

The Judges have not all accepted their invitations, but at present they are as follows: Homer B. Gray of Poughkeepsie, New York is our hunter judge and Col. William Henderson of Etontown, New Jersey is judging saddle horses and equitation.

I will, of course, send you further information from time to time and a marked catalogue after the show is over.

Very truly yours,

William E. Schlusemeyer.

## In South Pacific

Dear Sir:

Incidentally, your March 12, 1943 issue carried a note on The Chronicle's being in the Caribbean; with this subscription I can assure you that it now comes well into the South Pacific. This was the first issue I've seen in many months and it gave me quite a bit of pleasure to renew an old acquaintance. I am afraid any news I could give you would more nearly concern horse power than horses.

Yours truly,

Lt. (J. G.) M. H. Bell

April 8, 1943

San Francisco, Calif.

## Lt. Col. Harry Semmes

Dear Chronicle.

You might be interested in the enclosed letter from Lt. Col. Harry Semmes, who is with Gen. Patton in Africa. Col. Semmes is absent Master of the Potomac Hunt and we have had many a good fox hunt together. When the War is over we will hunt together again, though perhaps with long beards.

Sincerely, Geo. T. Walker  
Capt., Marines.

Dear George,

Nita tells me that you are in the Marines and assigned to sea duty. Good work, I know that you are delighted. Maybe someday we will meet halfway around the world to have a drink at some bar in the native quarter of some unpronounceable town, stranger things have happened.

I have run across Prince Murat (great grandson of Napoleon's Marechal Murat). Last war I soldiered with him in May 1918 at the Somme, when I was temporarily with the French tanks. So that drink in the medina of some unknown town is not impossible.

We have spent some interesting week ends at Remount Stations here in Africa. The French Army here is using Arab and Barb stallions. Pro-

bably the same stock that started the Thoroughbred line in England. Here Thoroughbreds are Pur Sang Anglaise (PSA). The horses here are all small, 15 hands is a big one. Rarely do the stallions run over 15 hands. They are well formed however and have the intelligent dished face, fine eyes and large nostrils that are typical of the Arab. The Barbs are almost the same. Probably all are more than half Arab. The Barb is to the Arab as the Virginia Thoroughbred (we could not find his papers!) is to the registered Thoroughbred!

Now the fight in Tunisia seems to be going increasingly better. The news we hear from the Pacific is better, and I leave it all to you to handle there, we are safe with the job in good hands!

I would like to throw a leg over a good horse some frosty morning in Maryland. We will do that together again if nothing has our name on it.

Sincerely, Harry (Lt. Col. H. H. Semmes, 66th A. R. 2nd. Armored Ov. APO 252. P. O. N. Y.)

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## Dressage At A Circus

To The Chronicle:

I thought it may be interesting for you and the readers of The Chronicle to know that I have closed a contract with a permanent circus in New York which opens April 23rd. I am to give dressage and high school exhibitions. For my act, not the ordinary circus ring will be used, but a full sized arena. With the hope of better educating the public at large, announcements will be made by the announcer regarding each movement.

As far as I know Gygeo is the first American Thoroughbred to appear in dressage exhibitions on Broadway other than at horse shows. By doing this I hope to help popularize the American Thoroughbred for other than racing purposes.

I want to thank you for the very nice way you brought my last letter to your readers. I am so glad that in The Chronicle we horsemen and women have at least one paper which brings horse matters straightforwardly to its readers.

Wishing you continued success,

Very sincerely,

T. Fred Marsman.

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## Clinches

Dear Sirs,

In regard to Margaret de Martelly's article, April 2nd issue, I believe any good blacksmith would tell her that a short tight clinch makes a shoe a great deal more secure than a long one. Long clinches pull loose very quickly, pulling holes in the horn and weakening its structure.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Small, 1st. Lt. A. C.

The above letter from Lt. Small was sent to me by the Editor.

My opinion about clinches has been formed from years of experience and from study.

Authorities on the subject stress the importance of size and strength in the clinches. They must be of sufficient size and strength to withhold the pull of the shoe without becoming dislodged in the nail hole. They must be of sufficient length to pull at right angles (or nearly right angles) to the grain or horn tubes of the wall.

If the clinches are rough and

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## George Dillon Wins With Little Vick At Mission Valley Meet

Great credit should be given to Mrs. Jay V. Holmes and Mr. James Kemper, the joint-masters, for the grand afternoon they afforded the farmers and spectators who attended the Mission Valley. Despite the shortage of riders and horses and the Sunday morning downpour the Mission Valley Show went off in grand style. All the horses and riders participated in all events and were more than tired by the end of the day but horses and riders all came out in fine shape and wanted another show soon.

The model class was won by **Little Vick** owned by George Dillon and a former winner of this class two years ago. Second was **Romer J.**, owned by Miss Natalie Nafziger and third to **Senator Stone**, **Little Vick's** full brother also owned by George Dillon and last years winner of this event. After the model class came the hunter trials and all the performances were good and it was a hard class to judge. Jane Luce emerged the winner on her newly purchased **Travelita**, a big brown, half bred horse, standing 16:3. He is a bold horse and has proven himself a real using horse in the field and should with a little more experience prove to be a real contender in the show ring too. Second went to Miss Natalie Nafziger's **Romer J.**, a clean bred horse by **Balaroma** out of **Jessie K.** After the trials came the real excitement the Gap Hunter's dash, the farmer's race, the pony race and the point-to-point for members. It was interesting to note that Mr. Kemper's home bred **Crosby** won the Gap Hunter's dash and the point-to-point. This horse is really amazing. He carries weight just like it wasn't there and has proved that he not only can sprint but can gallop all day. In the gap hunter's race he simply out-started and out-ran Mr. Guernsey's fast mare **Miss Brigade**, a former polo pony and now a steady hunter. Then in the point-to-point he just ran by himself and won from his half brother **Philip Stuart**, who was ably ridden by Jamie Kemper, just graduated from the Officer's Candidate school at Riley. **Crosby** is a clean bred horse by **Prince Philip** out of a mare by the name of a former hunter. He stands over 17 hands and is a striking chestnut with white points. For a horse of his tremendous size he has the easiest movement I have ever seen. We all would like to see **Crosby** running and jumping with the best as we are confident that he would be in the winner's circle many times and don't forget he can practically trot over 4'-6". The farmer's races were all exciting and I think the favorites of the crowd, which always helps to make the day a great success as the real point of this meet is to entertain the farmers whose country is used to hunt over.

Another horse which should never be left out is Mrs. O. G. Bitler's **Tuggles** who is not only a model horse but a grand jumper and a great horse in the field and with Mrs. Bitler's daughter Mrs. George Bunting in the saddle he is tough competition anywhere.

In the open jumpers it was simple with Junior Mackey on **Hebert**, they made the only clean performance.

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projecting from the wall, before the horse is in need of shoeing for any other reason—and if the nails heads are not badly worn it is a generally accepted fact that the clinches were cut too short. They can of course be cut too long.

A very interesting chapter on shoeing has been written for the Department of Agriculture by John W. Adams. He is head of the veterinary department and lecturer on horse shoeing at the University of Pennsylvania.

A book on the subject which is a gem, has been written by Frank A. Churchill for years and years senior instructor on horseshoeing at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas. His book can be purchased (or could before the war) by writing to the Book Department, Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Sincerely,

Margaret de Martelly.

## Wins Over Moses

"My father was in command of the Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, and retired from there in 1924. The year I stayed at home, my horse **Tonganoxie**, a Government horse that Palmer Swift had turned his back on and the Post Veterinarian gave me as a fine jump prospect, had the distinction of winning over **Moses** and some of his contemporaries at the American Royal. He was a short legged, goaty looking cart horse, that the audience booed lustily until he made his first jump.

Selma Piazzini started riding with me some years ago. She has the time and ability to write and follow the shows.

I believe you have Mrs. R. W. Brockius, formerly of Maryland to thank for many Chronicle subscribers out here, for she indeed has boosted your paper with great enthusiasm and gives it to many of her friends at Xmas. Her daughter, Anna at twelve can out ride most anyone."

Sincerely,

C. V. N. Cress,  
Mills College Riding School,  
Oakland, Calif.

(Moses came from a mange stable at Neufchateau, sent by the late Col. R. Vans Agnew to me at Montigny-sur-Aube, where I was reforming a pack of hounds for the Corps Commander. I then took him on to ride in the Inter-Allied Games in Paris. From there he was shipped to Riley in this country.—Editor.)

Second went to **Duke**, a grand old Government horse who just needed a little more waking up to have been a worry to Hebert.

As for the hunt teams, almost every performance was good, but none could quite compete with the winning team which was made up of **Blue Bonnet**, owned and ridden by Mrs. Frank Paxton, **Frosty**, Mrs. Jay V. Holmes horse and **The Duchess**. All three are grays and all of them good ones, their performance was faultless.

To sum it all up it was a lot of fun for the spectators and exhibitors, and I for one am all for more shows, impromptu as they may be.  
Kansas City.

## "April Canter"

All my life until it ceased publication I read the Boston Transcript which like the New York Times today had a wealth of cultured writers versed in different subjects whom they could call upon at any time and be sure of receiving an article of value. On the Transcript for years was the late George Sargent, editor of the Bibliography Column, who used often to come to Lordvale for a week end and it was he who introduced me to Jeffries whose "microscopic eye" took the best out of nature and wrote of it as appealingly as Thoreau.

Well I know how George Sargent would have appreciated

### AN APRIL CANTER

by Samuel J. Henry which is a gem in your last issue, and especially interesting to the writer for my father used to take us boys, there were four, out every Sunday afternoon to roam the countryside in the spring, proud to return to the old mansion with our little bouquets of hipatica, blood root, anemone and may flowers and tell our mother how we had seen the bloody nose of the skunk cabbage pushing itself out of the mud of the swamp.

There was not a wild flower in Worcester County that we had not sought out and run down, the wild calla in Westboro, our only native swamp orchid, the arathusa bulbosa in Boylston, the wonderful bloom of the pitcher plant in Upper Quinsigamond and the yellow ladies slipper in Sutton.

Only yesterday silently coasting down a back lane in Barre we spied a partridge walking across the road and pulled up to watch it for ten minutes. He stepped so daintily, appeared not to see us, all the time pulling his tail up in jerks with his top knot of feathers lifted like the headdress of an Indian. Crossing the road he threaded his way through the bushes, jumped on the wall and it was hard to distinguish him as his protective coloration blended so perfectly; then he hopped off and was lost to view.

I can only believe he was a proud gallant with his best feathers on, walking out, hoping to find a lady dear who would bear eggs for him, and when the chicks were hatched, should we surprise her, she would act as bold as a setting hen, all the time clucking for the chicks to run and hide.

So S. J.'s paragraphs brought back happy childhood days and if I were asked what was the loveliest sound in the world would say "frogs calling merrily in the spring." Surely Miss Ann Henry is lucky to have a father who first can see the wonderful pictures which nature through the seasons paints for us and above all give his thoughts to the printed page so that others may enjoy his contemplations.

James C. Henry, who died the other day, told us in The New York Times so beautifully of April.

*"Young April drips from saffron limbs  
Of weeping willows, and shadow dims  
The silver flood of ice-freed brooks  
That sing again in bearded nooks.  
A robin flashes its russet breast  
Against the dogwood's milk-white crest  
Where one red tulip bursts to flame,  
Veiling the mystery of whence it came.*

*Young April, all asmile, is here!*

*Young April, Nature's pioneer.*

Sincerely, H. W. S.

## Kansas City

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try, above all an experienced huntsman, which we did not have in the beginning.

Nafsiger obtained Fred Eagan, who was more for polo than hunting, and I helped Nafsiger purchase 15 or 20 mares, using **Mars Hughes** as sire, as a result a number of outstanding foals were produced, good hunter prospects. **Mars Hughes** was one of the best sires owned by the Government as you know. Nafsiger sold them all through the country, some to the Army and others to civilians, but everyone of them made good in the hunting field and the show ring.

In the early 30's Nafsiger stepped out of the picture and Egan left. Your man, Joe Mackey, then ran things for the Hunt and we were fortunate in that we had a very capable Master and Joint-Master in Mr. James Kemper and Mrs. Jay V. Holmes. However, at this time they are both very busy. However, there is quite a little activity with horses round here, in spite of the drain on our active members by the war.

You may know our old family home place near Warrenton, Vinthill Farms, now owned by the Mitchell Harrison Estate, unless the Government has taken it over, which by the way I believe has taken place. I have many intimate friends in your country, among them, the Nolans, Dudleys and Haxalls. If you do not know Mr. Tom Dudley you must by all means meet him. I also remember when Mr. Dan Sands first came to Middleburg. With Courtland H. Smith I made my first trip to Kansas City to a Horse Show back in 1903, as I have said.

I look forward to The Chronicle each week. It is certainly the only exclusively horse paper in the country worth having. Others have gone to advertising and society and fashions.

P. S.—I remember I pinned the first blue ribbon on **Grove Cullum**, winning over General King's **Proctor**, **Grove Cullum** was sold on the same day to go to a friend of yours in Ponca City, if I remember correctly.—H. M. C. L.

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## From The El Reno Morning Report:---

### New Englanders Of Salisbury

Not long ago as I was squatting unpleasantly in the position of a true Conchoite, in front of my meagre tepee, on the barren waste of space designated Oklahoma, I heard over my portable pom pom, that one Lieut. John A. Rand was reported missing en route from Camp Hale, Col., to his new station at Fort Sill, Okla. No sooner had this "squaw to squaw" been verified by a blood member of the Johnnies Tribe, than strange noises were heard from a Westerly direction.

Small children running and stumbling came from all directions with reports of a strange vehicle approaching our encampment. A strange smell had begun to engulf our village, and suddenly amidst a cloud of smoke and dust appeared a conveyance which would have been shunned by old timers in the gold rush era.

It had a top, and sides and even four wheels, but in no respect resembled the automobiles of which we have seen many pictures and heard many tales. Finally after a few turns of our settlement it came to a halt against the side of a small cliff. No sooner had the noise partially subsided than a green clad figure with a face redder and dirtier than any of ours, fell out on the road and lay there writhing and groaning.

Small inquisitive dogs of low birth cautiously advanced and one by one sniffed or licked this huddled, grovelling, distasteful lump. Seemingly disinterested, and obviously wary of such a matter, they for the most part withdrew. "Blood Member", worried and cautious, advanced, and without so much as the customary "UGH" gave the sudden body a stout kick in the side "UGH", it cried and "Blunt Head Blanch" the blood brother uttered a similar noise.

Slowly the green clad figure unfolded its limbs, and arose to its full height, red eyes met red eyes, and "Little Water Johnnie" and "Blunt Head Blanch" padded off with him, herring bone tread leaving the only trail in the soft murky soil. Six days and seven nights it was before the two warriors were seen again. The pom pom had given no further news regarding the lost Lieut., but for all who knew "Little Water" there was no doubt that this was the man mentioned by the pom pom. Word of anxiety came from the far eastern Iroquois tribe, from which "Little Water" had long since chosen his squaw and married.

Six days and seven nights were spent revelling and making much out of the great trip "Little Water" had just accomplished. In the tepee of the mighty chief Atoka much fire water washed away the sores, and memories of "Little Water's" hazardous journey. However as all the tribes were at war with the great tribe across the Big Run, "Little Water's" stay had to be curtailed at the end of the 7th night.

Red eyed, sullen and not without ceremony, "Little Water" hacked his way back into his strange vehicle. Ashamed at its appearance, the other wise proud warrior ordered several of the younger warriors to disentangle the thing from the cliff, and

with nothing further to say, chugged slowly toward the south. When "Big Chiefess Charlittan" of the Iroquois tribe heard of these happenings, lo, a great anger arose within her fiery soul, and as she became more and more restless and discontent, the more she vowed vengeance upon her disregarding mate.

She pom pomed and pom pomed and lo the great fire within kindled deep in her heart. After many days of such goings on, and with "Little or No Water" she decided to let her former warrior chose his own fate.

As fate would have it "Blunt Head Blanch" ran swiftly to his nearest pom pom and pom pomed with new vigor to his distressed "Chiefess Charlottan" and sister-in-law "Ugh Ugh," he related "Little Water" receive much fire water from "Chief Stoka", "Little Water" and "Blunt Head" have much water now and both have blunt heads". So elapsed a period of uncertainty in the life of "Chiefess Charlottan" and a period of insanity in the lives of "Little Water Louie" and "Old Cap Blunt Head."

Mottoe, Guard what little sense you've got with a little water and avoid a blunt head.

Little Chief Atoka.

(Editor's Note:—Having just finished preparing this for the press room we are convinced it was a wild party and that the wives were not so pleased about it all. As the "party-ees" took the trouble to write about it all, by way of confession, it is only right that The Chronicle should help them out.)

### George Oliver

Dear Chronicle,

I just heard from Fort Benning, Ga., that George Oliver was there taking instruction in the art of parachuting. George started out in the Army just about a year ago at Fort Warren, Wyoming. Before joining the Army he turned over some 60 polo ponies and the management of the Pegasus Polo Club to his father, and Al Parsells who was with him up there in New Jersey.

After completing his basic training George left Fort Warren and was sent to Fort Reno, Okla., to the U. S. Remount. In about 4 months Oliver applied for Officers' School and was sent back to Warren.

Since his graduation, we heard he was in command of a truck company, and various other jobs, apparently located somewhere in the State of Washington. I guess this got a little dull, knowing George I wondered how he ever got mixed up with that kind of an outfit.

I feel its a shame that the Remount couldn't get George back but the paratroopers seem to have him instead. One thing is certain, he can't wear high heel boots any more, and his roping and tying is out.

Here's hoping that after the war we will find him back on the polo field with a large string of broncos and a ten goal handicap. To get those other two goals he'll have to buy a few good ponies like Little Prince or some of the others, but that can be arranged. Good luck Romeo.

An Idaho Potatoe.

### East Of Hoboken

Dear Chronicle:

We hear from our mid-western suburbanites that of late, local O. C. S. boards have been flooded by applications from a few lads hailing from east of Hoboken. As a shining example we have two time loser Joe Palookavich.

This boy Joe of whom I'm about to talk, was at one time a fine boy, and a fair worker. I say he was a fine boy, and a fair worker. Now if El Reno rabbit hounds could only talk, we could have verified this statement in triplicate.

Well, anyway, to get back to good old Joe. Joe started out behind the eight ball and when the announcer made him an alias in his first appearance, he didn't think that a few years hence that potato was going to be working for a spud. Now potato we find, was very adept at being boiled, so that he and spud (unknowingly on the part of spud) hit it off at a remarkable rate.

However one fine day, a bit of "wake isle" water was spilled around and spud as usual on the alert, found out that there actually had been a Lithuania. Our good boy plus fair worker, became just a fair boy, and even in the eyes of our Bunny Bouncing Triplicator, Joe Palookavich became no longer a favorable scent.

Now that such bad luck had befallen our hero was really a misfortune, and at least several pounds of muddy tears were shed ere the moon changed. All water of clear color passed over a dam in due time, leaving a large mire of tear dampened prairie dust. In the centre of this we find our Europeand Unpeeled "Murphy". Sinking fast, and with no means of evacuation, our little potato sent out a last O. C. S.

After an eventual rescue and a furlough without result, Joe arrived

back and so did another debatable origin.

This other as we had better call (him or it) was a spud by appearance, and deed. Danny O'Shakeme-Downvich by name. Bootless, and without rubber to spare, our new member arrived in time to give our pal "Alias" the opportunity, suggestive in his name.

With the outward appearance of having salt water in his blood and a yen for sea shells, our hero found in his new accomplice a great deal of mental as well as physical fortitude. The future for Palookavich certainly had taken on a new and radiant aspect. Even little Bunny Bouncer

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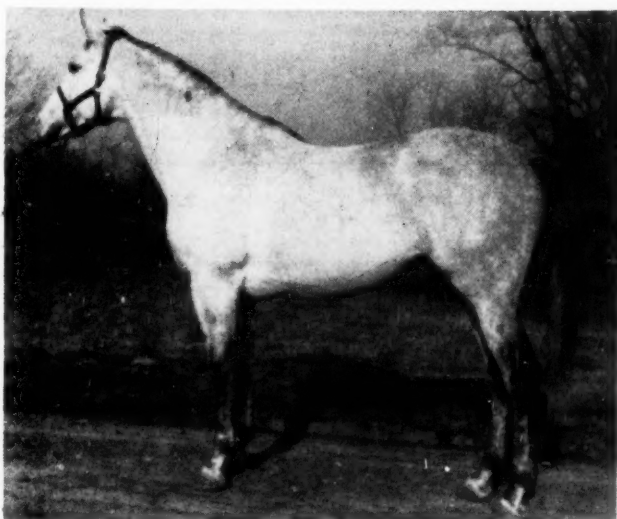
THE RENO STABLE GANG IN ACTION  
(Pics from John Gayer)



Above: In this squad will be recognized, l. to r., Sgt. John Gayer, Cpl. Robert Clark, PFC Tommy Holloway and Lieut. Daniel Shea. Above right: Fort Reno has seen fit to go into The Chronicle columns from time to time, with caustic comments on the Riley activities and more recently with intimate information about their own personnel, somewhat scattered at this time as they are. These views of the actual working unit at that Oklahoma post, where in its day the Indians actually attacked the present enlisted men's barracks, are of interest. The more so as they reveal that the men who have written for us, know of what they spake.



COQ D'ESPRIT



This picture of my horse, COQ D'ESPRIT 1934, by \*Coq Gaulois—Dulcy by \*Light Brigade was taken a month ago especially for The Chronicle. He stands 16.3½, weighs 1,500 lbs. and has 79" girth and 9½" below the knee. He has a marvelous disposition and has inherited the jumping qualities of his sire \*Coq Gaulois, with the addition of \*Light Brigade. Just recently I have sold two of his get to hunting men of the North who were looking for show prospects as well as hunting ability. I have other youngsters to sell at my farm. This bloodline is unhesitatingly recommended to the man who wants the best.

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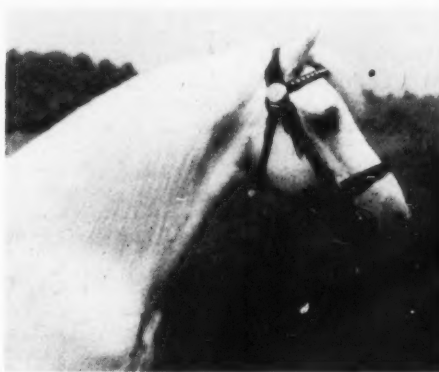
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# Horsemastership

By MARGARET DE MARTELLY

## LONGEING PEN AND JUMPING CHUTE

These plans will serve as a reply to several letters concerning the longeing pen and jumping chute mentioned in this column.

For the green horse the longeing tape should be used until he responds to his trainer's voice. That is, he must walk, trot and gallop to the left and right hands and come to the full halt on verbal commands. The tape can then be dispensed with.

When longeing a horse, unless the trainer is careful, he soon becomes completely wound up himself. Therefore to avoid dizziness the trainer walks on a small square, three steps to the south, three east and so on, using great care to turn a very square corner.

The trainer should carry a longeing whip as a precaution and as a suggestion of authority.

When the outer chute is used for jumping, the trainer should still stand in the center of the inner pen. If the horse is jumped on a tape, the iron arcs will guide the tape over the high posts.

The horse should not be asked to jump again, the moment he shows signs of leg weariness.

In determining the height of which a horse is capable of jumping with a rider on his back, eleven inches should be subtracted from his highest, consistently clean jump in the chute.

With regards to the take-off bar about which I have received several letters, they are a corrective measure for a definite fault. That is, standing in too close for a smooth jump, a horse having this fault should be schooled with the take-off bar until the fault is corrected. A horse that takes off too far back should be schooled repeatedly over an in-and-out consisting of three obstacles, with one stride between. One stride is approximately 12 feet, and additional 6 feet for landing and 6 feet for the next take-off, makes a total of twenty-four feet between jumps.

Horses, like people, have their bad days for which allowance should be made. They should be petted and rewarded, without fail, for a good day's work.

## Deep Run Prepares For Its Annual Show

In preparation for their annual Horse Show, The Deep Run Hunt Club is making adequate preparations for a successful show again this year. They have certain problems that arise in consequence of congested conditions at their stables and in hotel accommodations, which they are taking care of in plenty of time.

Those who plan to attend should write to Mr. Walter Craigie, 616 East Main Street, Richmond, Va. The information they ask for is the number of stalls required for the exhibiting horses and the number of people who will be along.

It is up to everyone to try and help those who have the problems of running shows this year to the utmost. Really those who take the job in hand are due much credit, let

## Equestrian Club's Monthly Horse Show Is Held At Riviera

The Riviera Equestrian Club held its monthly Horse Show on Saturday April 17th, before an enthusiastic audience, and all classes were well filled. Luderock owned and ridden by Miss Peggie Candy proved to be the outstanding winner in hunter classes. Tom Pilcher judged all events.

Best Turned out Horse and Rider, Juniors, 1 Frances Zucco on Jackette, 2. Marjorie Durant on Copper Lustre, 3. Belinda Vidor on Cappy.

Adults—1. Mrs. Howard Grove on entry, 2. Mrs. Ray Rosendahl on "entry, 3. Mrs. Y. Hochstadter on "Sunny Boy."

Horsemanship open to adults and juniors, proved to be a duel between Miss Peggie Candy and Miss Peggie Platz, both top horsewomen, and the blue finally went to the former, with Frances Zucco a junior, easily gaining 3rd ribbon.

Horsemanship for juniors who have never won a blue ribbon, 1. Betsy Castendyck, a much improved rider, 2. Marilyn May showing much promise, 3. Jolly Feldman, and well deserved.

Hunters in Hand—won by Mrs. Callan's "Vicente", a nice type of thoroughbred hunter, 2. Miss Gladys Charles chesnut mare "Candlelight", not very far behind the winner, 3. same owner's chestnut gelding "Charing Cross", another good type.

Western Class—won by Garry Cowen on a good working brown gelding, with correct equipment, 2. Ann Campbell, 3. Richard Wagner.

Hunter Hacks, a nice class of fifteen entries, the winner proved to be Miss Peggie Candy's well known "Luderock", adding another blue to many he has won in hunter hack classes, 2. Miss Frances Zucco's "Jackette," also with previous wins, 3. Miss Gladys Charles' "Charing Cross", and well deserved.

Best Pair of Hacks—1. the entry of the C and C stables, with a well matched and good going pair of chestnuts, 2. the entry of Miss Belinda Vidor, well mannered and a nice performance, 3. the entry of the Riviera Club, ridden by Miss Joan Baker and Beverly Lightman.

Hunters to Jump—won easily by Miss Peggie Candy's "Luderock, with a clean performance, 2. Percy Dunn's well known "Air Mail," good performance, 3. Marjorie Durant's "Copper Lustre" a good class of 20 entries.

Best Childrens' Jumper—won by Minnie Wanamaker's "Ric Ferine" with a perfect round, 2. Marjorie Durant's "Copper Lustre", with one fault, 3. Belinda Vidor's "Cappy", also a good performance.

Open Jumpers Sweepstake, won by Miss Peggie Platz riding her "Vinegar Miss".

Polo Ponies, 1. Riviera Club's Cuter, ridden by Miss Joan Baker, with a smooth, handy performance, 2. Betsy Castendyck's entry, 3. Marjorie Durant's entry.

alone the assistance that can be given them in making things easier for planning. Assuredly all Chronicle readers appreciate this and will cooperate to the utmost.

## Our Fair Hunt Country

A gentleman of the South wrote this letter to a Chronicle reader, which was sent to us to read. We cannot mention names, but we are loathe to let these paragraphs pass by, selfishly enjoying them alone.

"You live in a fair country, Northern Virginia. Our home was south of Markham, not far from Warrenton, the heart of the horse country. There it was said in former years all that a man needed was a dress suit, a two dollar bill, and a quart of whiskey. Many a "point to point" race I have seen in the Warrenton Country in past years, races over a four mile course, with stiff jumps. A horse must have stamina for such a supreme test. I believe Oliver Wendell Holmes best expressed it when he said "There is something about the outside of a horse that pleases the inside of a man."

Speaking of those wonderful Virginia stock farms nestling in the foothills of the Blue Ridge, Walter Scott said, shortly before his death, in speaking of Americans, "Our cousins across the water have found the seats, but they haven't found the cushions for them", (I always quote from memory and if I misquote, I just go wrong and ask forgiveness) —If Walter Scott were living today he would admit we have ornate seats and most comfortable cushions for them.

The much vaunted English country with an older civilization—I remember a veteran English gardener was once asked how to make a beautiful lawn. He replied tersely and to the point, "Cut it and roll it once a week for three hundred years".

The Chronicle lives here, in these surroundings, yet we travel all over the world, we like you who read us to know of our environment. Editor.

## Sunshine Shines

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Smith's Attagal; second, Miss Hudson's Sunshine; third, Lieutenant Verser Todd's and Ollie Devine's Huntsman's Pride; fourth, Miss Eileen Brent's Ramos.

Champion children's hunter—Won by Miss Hudson's Sunshine; reserve, Mr. Smith's Attagal.

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found a pleasantness in his approach these days.

However all pleasanties must reach a decision of some sort, and we find Palookavich again sending out an O. C. S. This time the pond full of muddy tears, and the friend bearing sea shells all seem to be unaccounted for, and we are sad to say that Joe is on a limb for keeps. We are happy at least that he is out in

Foreign Service, and that he has a few pleasant companions. We hope that he sees to it that his C. O's Navahoe Mat is always in the best repair. Here we leave Sgt. Joseph Murphy, famed show ring rider and hunting man from Watertown, Conn. (all names of persons and places are of course fictitious, and are used solely for the sake of convenience.)

Signed BIG CHIEF DUE EAST and SWEATIN.

P. S. Any retaliatory measures taken will of course be liable for suit.

(Editor's note:—We must confess this is all very bewildering to us, however we heard from an uncontestable source of information, that the last Fort Reno notes caused no few spasms of ire among the young candidates at Fort Riley, about whom the Fort Reno contributor made some rather biting remarks at that time. In fact they stayed up till the very small hours on occasion trying to concoct answers which never proved to be adequate, so perhaps this amazing epistle will have a definite meaning for some organization of this man's army, who will "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest", this is our excuse for its presentation.)

## T. Beatty Brown

Dear Chronicle,

Lieut. T. Beatty Brown is up to his old tricks again. Having once been one of the top motor cycle riders in Ireland, and a competitor in many long cross country road races, we now find him scurrying back to Fort Sill, Okla., on another two wheeler. As the motor cycle is of ancient design, and equipped with none of the latest facilities, we wish him the best of luck. He'll probably be mistaken for a motor cycle cop many times en route, especially in that brand new Lieutenant's uniform.

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# WAR and the HORSE



## "The Digger Hat" and Other Verses

Australia, Mar. 3, 1943—To Harry Worcester Smith from Dick Kirkpatrick, Twin Oaks Stud, Warrenton, Va. (When I'm home.)

The little book came to us from Worcester, Mass., so that we might take from it whatever Chronicle readers would like. The answer is the whole book of verses. However, before sending it back, a copy will be made so that we may present the various poems at random, when opportunity presents itself. This Dick Kirkpatrick, besides being a top soldier with our air forces, playing a good game of polo, and riding straight to hounds, has a keen eye for what is best in sporting thoughts, or he would not have chosen this book to send across a lot of water. Just to give his friends a glimpse of its contents. Such a man will get along with the Aussies.

Here it is, beautifully bound, on the best of paper, it is interesting to find that Australia in these dire days can do such good work. The picture of the author, Tip Kelaher, is excellent and under it is inscribed:—

"Tip, as we all knew him, was one of the originals of A Company, and by his understanding personality and character was always most popular with all the chaps and on the football field, and for his literary genius, they idolized him.

"During the action on the 14th July, near the railway line at Tel el Elsa, he carried out his job magnificently, without any thought for himself, and his devotion to duty was an inspiration to all those with him. In face of heavy machine gun fire, artillery and mortars, he stayed by his gun and kept it in action until the last. His death is a great loss to A Company."—Capt. F. R. K. Staniland, C. O.

And now, here is the first of the poems:

### THE DIGGER HAT

*I've seen some lids in days gone by  
From Bris. to Dunedoo;  
Top hats that strive to reach the sky,  
And cloth caps round the 'Loo;  
The sombrero and the stockman  
That shade from Queensland suns,  
The topi that is favourite  
On many outback runs.*

*I have seen in busy roadways  
All the fashions cities know—  
The bowler and the pork-pie  
With its crown so very low.  
I have seen the swagman's relic,  
The turban and the fez,  
And all the hats that cut a style  
From Sidney to Suez.*

*But there's a hat I'm wearing,  
And I think it beats them all  
From the Cape to San Francisco,  
From Melbourne to Whitehall;  
For it's been in many countries  
And in each it did its share,  
From the mud and slush of Flanders  
To Sinai's heat and glare.*

*So I'm proud to wear my rabbit's fur  
Although she's creased and worn,  
And not so slick as polished caps  
The Tommies' heads adorn;  
For it has an air of Aussie,  
Of "Come and have a drink?"  
The good old easy style that leads  
To glory or "the clink".*

*It exudes the smell of gum leaves  
From crown to sweaty band,  
And often makes me homesick  
In this Palestinian sand;  
But it stands for Right and Man-  
hood—  
And who'd want more than that?  
That's why, one day in '40,  
I took the Digger hat!*

There are more than twenty poems—just allow us the last two verses from "Wounded from Tobruk."

*And I'm proud that I'm Australian  
when I look at men like these;  
They're the men who marched beside  
me back at Inglebrun—in threes,  
In the days when life was rosy, full of  
laughter, leave and beer,  
And I never thought I'd see them  
carried down the gangplank here.*

*Well, they've done their best for  
England and they've done their  
best for home,  
For the girls they left behind them  
and the pals who could not come;  
And may Aussie not forget them when  
they're invalided back  
Nor leave them poor and jobless for  
the dole queue or "the track".*

It is hard to stop, but you have the idea and there shall be more, till the most of the booklet comes to you, just as it came from old Dick over there.

(Editor's Note:—What is the old saying? "Talk of the . . ." and so on! Just talked to the said Kirkpatrick, over the phone, right here at his home, and so does the fighting man of today get around the world!)

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## Lt. Gnl. Ben Lear On General Staff

General Ben Lear has gone to Washington. On April 9 we notified our readers that "Old Ben Lear" was due to retire for age at the end of May. We made a special item out of it as General Lear is a special kind of officer, a Cavalryman at that.

It is evident that General Marshall has not allowed his ability to go unrecognized, General Lear is now in temporary command of Combat Forces, acting for Lieut.-Gen. McNair, who is at this moment on sick report, having received minor wounds while on an inspection tour of the Tunisian campaign.

It is unlikely that this will have any effect on the status of Horse Cavalry, as the existing policies will continue. However, such plans for the use of this fighting element as may already be under construction will have an understanding officer to see that their exploitation is carried out to its fullest practicability.

There may be a possibility that, upon General Lear's retirement and almost certain recall to active duty, he will in some capacity be a part of the present staff to which he has now been temporarily assigned.

If this is so, and the use of animals becomes an important factor, General Lear will probably be placed in direct supervision of the rehabilitating of these units as a part of the ground forces in combat. It will not be an easy assignment, for the tactical employment in proper relation to infantry, tanks, and air will be governed by the front upon which they will be employed.

There is no question that it would be hard to find a General Officer who would be better fitted to the duty. General Lear will give it a cold estimate, based on a lifetime of experience and observation of the present conditions that will insure the most suitable infiltration of Horse Cavalry into the whole plans of whatever campaign they may enter.

"Having a friend at Headquarters" is one thing that the Horse Cavalry can use to advantage, they have one now who, while he will never allow his personal preferences to misguide him, will always have their possible use in mind.

Many of the difficulties that might confront officers of other branches, in the use of Horse Cavalry, will fail to present such problems to a Cavalry Officer of General Lear's calibre. The more the new turn of events is considered, the more convinced we become that here is another "break" for the man with horses who are Cavalrymen.

## A Place For Horses

An M. P. got up before the English House of Parliament the other day and addressed his fellow law makers thus:—"Our Government has cut off the feed ration of our horses and now is systematically buying them, for their use. I consider that this amounts to a capital levy, for they are now able to buy at about a quarter of their real market value. Surely there must be some means of rectifying this unbalanced state of affairs."

From this it is possible that England, having carried on to this time wholly on a mechanized basis with their Army is gradually realizing that there is a place for horses.

Then again we read in the Horse and Hound:—"Owing to recent demands for Fell ponies for commercial and Army use there is grave danger that the pure Fell blood would be lost, owing to so many mares having been sold."

These Fell ponies are the sturdy type that can stand much abuse from weather conditions and the vicissitudes of living through the conditions that exist in what amounts to guerilla warfare.

The British are slow to accept a new condition, they ultimately mechanized their famous Cavalry Regiments and Field Artillery. Is it not possible that they have seen that there is a place for animals in these varied fields upon which their several armies have to operate?

One can look at the photographs that come to the various publications in this country, depicting the mud that the Armies have had to plow through in this last drive against Rummel. It is possible to realize that there indeed has been a place where our forces could have relived the action of Scipio against Hannibal, over the same territory where Carthage stood, had they had the advantage of animal transport for troops and guns and supplies.

## O. C. S. 29th Class

All through the services there are schools being conducted for men of possible officer calibre. These men are examined by a Board of Officers, their past records looked into, and if they are then considered to be worthy they are given a stiff course, with examinations as they progress. The 29th Class at Fort Riley has just graduated and perhaps The Chronicle may be pardoned by giving recognition to the fact that the paper is in a way represented, one of the graduates being 2nd Lieut. Leigh W. Henderson. His career with horses started at the age of "3 off", when he piloted his one-eyed Shetland to hounds, unattended. Since then he has carried on with horses in many places. His graduation is matter of much moment to one member of The Chronicle staff, it is not easy to sit back and not be able to go over this time.

## Word From Lexington

"I was visiting with Rudy Weinstein Saturday. He had been down to the Lexington horse sale. He said men were just standing around there, with \$500 bills, trying to find a horse to buy, so it appears the horse market is improving. "So a good man from Michigan sends word.



## The Future Of Polo

By ROBERT V. CLARK

(Editor's Note:—It is nice to see that a player is taking time out to discuss the important future of polo. Bobby Clark is temporarily laid up in hospital, he is doing us a good turn by employing his time in this manner. Breeding old polo mares was done to some considerable extent at the Circle V Ranch in Wyoming, at one time. It could be easily done again. The Polo Association has a spot where it can step in at this time and help assure the game for its comeback after the War.)

With polo virtually at a standstill throughout this country and Great Britain, it would be well to start looking into the future if the game is to have a place in the horse sports of the future. It always has had, and history is likely to repeat itself.

With the entrance of this country into the War the game literally ceased to exist, other than in a few smaller clubs, in communities where the players were for the most part older men. The tournaments and circuits which previously ran throughout the country, winter and summer, no longer could be played in by men with higher handicaps and large strings of ponies. Almost all the high goal players were eligible for induction into the Services, or had already enlisted.

In all the smaller polo clubs there was usually a high goal player who had a fairly large number of ponies, either on a professional basis or for his personal game and its maintenance at his standard of goals carried. He more or less set the standards which the other members were striving to attain.

Tom Mather, Rube Williams, Dutch Evinger, George Oliver, Cyril Harrison, Bob Bullock, Jim Minnick, Fred Tejan, Cecil Childers, and many others are good examples of the professionals who sold ponies, managed clubs and generally made polo what it was just before the War. These men were greatly responsible, whether or not they knew it, for the class of polo that was being played in their respective localities. In most cases they wisely kept the game within the reach and capabilities of the majority of their players, and in so doing greatly increased the number of players in the country generally.

On the other hand we have the owners of large strings of ponies, the polo clubs themselves, or fields that were built as an investment. What about these for the days when the War will be over? Pete Bostwick is a good example of a man who owns a fine field, and has put polo before the general public on a large scale. He has done a wonderful job in making people "polo conscious", by publicizing the game properly. As only really good players ever get to go on Bostwick Field, we find this type of polo setting the standard for our other lesser clubs to shoot at, there must be a pinnacle to reach, after all. Reggie Sinclair and the Farrish brothers are among others who run their polo in much the same manner in the West as does Bostwick in the East.

With a few spots in the country where high goal polo is played, the game can be preserved at its standard and the rough spots in the rules can be ironed out, which all makes for the improvement of the game.

For years the smaller clubs through the country have continually felt that the Polo Association was neglecting them, not showing proper

interest in their welfare. They must realize that the Association is constantly working for polo generally, it is their business and they are doing it well. These smaller clubs must realize that the Association cannot afford the expense of shipping teams to and from matches unless they can get sufficient interest aroused and the backing of all the smaller clubs—for it is dealing in polo in general and cannot sponsor any one club in its problems.

I think that it will be well worth while if all the smaller clubs that still exist would lend a hand to the Association in these times, by keeping up memberships and adopting the thought that "United We Stand". Not only will this tend to insure polo for the future, but will enable polo to stage a comeback after the War, the more rapidly. Too often, a thing can get off to a bad start, after a period of non-existence, and suffer in consequence for years to come.

### The Ponies

If we are to see polo come back we are going to have to keep an eye on the whereabouts of ponies. So many of our large string players sold or gave away their ponies and equipment lock, stock and barrel. Needless they got rid of some good mares to people who will never realize their worth as breeding stock. Many of these men had farms and the physical setup to breed mares solely for the future of polo.

After this War with relatively few made ponies on the market it is going to take time to make the playing stock, to replace those that have been eliminated in one way and another. Nearly all players will come back and play when they are mustered out of the Army, for polo is another of the sports that gets under the skin to stay with anyone who has reached some degree of proficiency in team and mallet work.

All the dealers are temporarily out of the market and when the demand for ponies again is felt, lack of capital to buy and train anywhere near the number that will be required will hamper their progress.

Most of the horses in the West are being or will be bought by the Army, and these requirements are hard to estimate. In the opinion of many, this country has not enough horses for Army needs alone. The few good types for polo will naturally fall to the Army buyers as a consequence and our future supply of polo mounts is bound to suffer therefrom.

Would it not be wise under the circumstances for the polo player to breed a few good mares (now getting older) to stallions with the right dispositions and calibre as to class them as good polo sires? Many players can still do it, and a move in this direction can mean so much for the rehabilitation of the game when the time comes, as it assuredly will.

With the popularity of all riding in its various branches, it should not be hard to dispose of animals that do not prove out for polo. There are going to be very few young horses in this country and there should be a boom in the horse market when the War is over, even if it does not come during the active fighting days that now exist.

In closing I'd like to say a word about that Old-Time polo player Fred Tejan, whom most of us who play polo know, or know of. It means a lot to players to hear that he is still at his old stamping ground, keeping

## Steeplechasing

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Sprague's Fieldfare was running well when he lost his rider at the 12th jump. Fieldfare was sold by Greentree Stable at Pimlico's fall sale of horses in training and purchased by J. Bosley, Jr. at a low figure. This versatile horse was run over brush and then went to the Charles Town meeting and won on the flat.

The inaugural running of the Annibal Steeplechase was won by Rouge Dragon who was making it 2 straight for his new owner, M. A. Cushman. Imp. Annibal was in the 'chasing string of the late Thomas Hitchcock and in his 3 years as a Hitchcock color-bearer, during which he won the Belmont Grand National, the Corinthian, the Chevy Chase and the Manly Memorial. Imp. Annibal was down only once and that proved fatal. At the 9th fence in the Meadow Brook, the great French-bred son of Chubasco came a cropper and had to be destroyed. Rouge Dragon won the event eased up as Mrs. H. S. Horkheimer's Ossabaw was 2nd by 3 lengths and Isador Bieber's Imp. Frederic II was 3rd by 1½ lengths.

Arthur White, who is setting the pace among the trainers, had another winner on the 26th when H. La Montagne's Imp. Lechade won the 4 & up steeplechase, 2 m., allowance. Lt. Bayard Sharp's Air Marshal was an early pacesetter but dropped back to finish 4th. Mr. Sprague's Fieldfare again had the misfortune to lose Jockey Penrod, this time on the flat nearing the 15th jump. Mrs. F. A. Clark's Raylywn was 2nd and R. K. Mellon's Imp. Never Surprised 3rd. Flamingo Farm's Old Doctor and Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Middle West were 2 newcomers, with the former finishing 6th and the latter falling over the 10th jump.

### Summaries

#### Wednesday, April 21

4 & up steeplechase, 2 m., cl. Purse, \$1,000; net value to winner, \$700; 2nd: \$150; 3rd: \$100. Winner: R. K. Mellon's b. g. (8) by Noble Star—Irish Holiday, by Kildare II. Trainer: J. E. Ryan. Time: 4:27.

1. \*St. Patrick's Day, 148, J. Magee.  
2. Rougemont, 148, J. Penrod.  
3. Walloper, 140, E. Roberts.

Five started; lost rider: Mrs. G. A. Garrett's Circus, 140, S. O'Neill (12); fell: P. D. Reid's Polly MacDun, 144, Mr. P. D. Reid (5). Won driving by a head; place driving by a distance. 15 jumps. Scratched: Valpuseaux, Bappipe, Never Surprised, Bay Night, Bank Note.

#### Thursday, April 22

Spring Maiden Steeplechase, 2 m., 4 & up, allow. Purse, \$2,000 added; net value to winner, \$2,100; 2nd: \$800; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$200. Winner: Brookmeade Stable's lt. br. g. (5) by Imp. Dan IV—Cliftona Belle, by Imp. Coq Gaulois. Trainer: A. White. Time: 4:17 3-5.

1. Delhi Dan, 150, H. Cruz.  
2. \*Replica II, 150, J. Magee.  
3. Bridlespur, 143, R. Almonney.

Seven started; also ran (order of finish): W. G. Jones' Bank Note, 152, Mr. J. S. Harrison; Mrs. A. White's Bill Coffman, 149, C. Brooks; G. H. Bostwick's Trace On, 139, J. Smiley; Mrs. E. duPont Weir's Dedham, 152, S. Riles. Won easily by 4; place easily by 10; show same by 5. 15 jumps. Scratched: Rum Ration, Fifty Fifty.

a string of ponies so that some who are lucky enough to be stationed near his headquarters can go and get a period or two when the time is possible. If Fred was transplanted to any one of the fighting fronts, chances are he would have polo going in a short while for those who would have time off, to go hit the ball around a bit. To such men we must look to help build back the game in postwar days, and upon them we are certain to be able to count.

### Friday, April 23

4 & up steeplechase, 2 m., cl. Purse, \$1,000; net value to winner, \$700; 2nd: \$150; 3rd: \$100. Winner: G. H. Bostwick's br. m. (8) by Apprehension—Sea Tale, by Imp. Sea King. Trainer: C. R. White. Time: 4:20 2-5.

1. Simoon, 135, J. Smiley.  
2. \*Pico Blanco II, 149, A. Scott.  
3. Bay Dean, 143, C. Brooks.

Five started; lost rider: W. S. Sprague's Fieldfare, 144½, J. Penrod (12); ran out: Lt. B. Sharp's Air Marshal, 134, J. Davis (after 1st jump). Won easily by 6; place easily by 10. 15 jumps. No scratches.

### Saturday, April 24

4 & up steeplechase, 2 m., allow. Purse, \$1,500; net value to winner, \$1,000; 2nd: \$300; 3rd: \$150; 4th: \$50. Winner: M. A. Cushman's ch. g. (5) by Annapolis—Pimento II, by Pommern. Trainer: W. G. Jones. Time: 4:11 1-5.

1. Rouge Dragon, 146, Mr. J. S. Harrison.  
2. Ossabaw, 148, J. Penrod.  
3. \*Frederic II, 150, E. Roberts.

Seven started; also ran (order of finish): C. M. Kline's Winged Hoofs, 146, N. Brown; H. LaMontagne's Bladen, 144, C. Brooks; lost rider: Mrs. E. duPont's \*Nayr, 146, S. Riles (14); fell: Groton Stable's Salem, 144, G. Walker (1). Won eased up by 12; place driving by 3; show same by 1½. 15 jumps. No scratches.

### Monday, April 26

4 & up steeplechase, 2 m., allow. Purse, \$1,200; net value to winner, \$850; 2nd: \$200; 3rd: \$100; 4th: \$50. Winner: H. La Montagne's b. g. (6) by Royal Dancer—Mellifera, by Honey Bee. Trainer: A. White. Time: 3:58 4-5.

1. \*Lechade, 154, H. Cruz.  
2. Raylywn, 135, J. Jordan.  
3. \*Never Surprised, 144, J. Magee.

Eight started; also ran (order of finish): Lt. B. Sharp's Air Marshal, 148, W. Owen; B. B. Parker's \*Cortezano, 148, N. Brown; Flamingo Farm's Old Doctor, 136, G. Walker; lost rider: W. S. Sprague's Fieldfare, 143, J. Penrod (on flat coming into 15th); fell: Mrs. Ogden Phipps' Middle West, 137½, A. Scott (10). Won ridden out by 1½; place driving by 8; show same by 1. 15 jumps. No scratches.

## Intelligent Racing

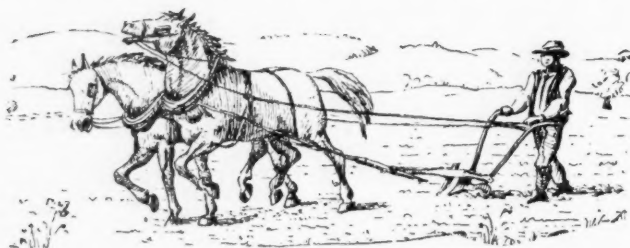
The article written by Harry L. Straus some weeks back is a most constructive and intelligent picture of the racing scene as it is in America today.

The cheaper horses would not find their way to the tracks unless there was a place to run them, and the fault, though largely, is not entirely with the secretaries and managers of the tracks who are paid to fill races and put on a good show, but with the President and the Board of each track. These men should have enough interest and knowledge of high class racing to know what kind of races should be run to improve the breed of American Thoroughbreds. This in my mind should include more filly races at a distance, more weight for age races, more races for horses worth from \$3,000 to \$6,000 in a good market, the middle class horse. The cheap claiming horses prove absolutely nothing except who is the good trainer.

What incentive is there really to bring a horse here like Imp. Blenheim II, Imp. Bahram, etc., or the 2 or 3 good horses Mr. Mayer is standing; unless you have a stake horse by one of these top sires, where will you run your horses? They are too good to put into claiming races at once. Then you can find probably one race a month, if that, to suit your in-between horse. When you should be able to find a good race every day or two.

(Submitted by a reader of prominence in the racing world. Editor).

## FARMING in WAR TIME



### TO HORSE FARMERS

Since we have been informed that the columns we devote to farm practices are read with enthusiasm, we offer more diversification. Out short articles will all be offered as practical suggestions for the owner who wishes to make a success of the practices on his farm.

### Handling The Herd And 4-H Work

By Castle Hill

#### Beef Herd Handling

I am now talking about the horse farmer gone "cattle"—It is amazing to go around the farms where herds of beef cattle have been maintained for a comparatively long time, and find that the necessary corrals, dipping vats and chutes with press gates, parting gates and the other conveniences for handling cattle in a quiet way, are either totally wanting or are by no means of proper construction.

It is a common sight to see a man running a young bull round a yard full of manure, trying to corner him to put a halter on. It is a common practice to run cattle round to separate them up. Dehorning of the commercial herd, operating on bull calves and such work is all done by mean of the small yard or large box stall method. They would probably resort to roping if the men knew how to use one. Just making cattle leery of course.

Cattle of all sorts should be handled with as little fuss as possible, "fuss takes off fat." When you go and invest in a herd of cattle that cost you real money, whether commercial or purebreds, it is taken for granted that you have the feed to put to them; either in pasture or ensilage or harvested crops, a proper plant for handling is just as important. Labor is hard to get, so they all say; to handle a sizeable herd of cattle without adequate corrals and all that goes with them, will take up a lot of labor hours, will take off a lot of the feeds you have put into your cattle. This is not only while you are actually chounding them around at that particular time, but they will get wilder each time you have to mess with them. So figure your other investment must be the proper corrals and chutes. It also is a "must".

Don't go and build without finding out exactly what are the requirements. It is a hobby of mine. I helped on the plans for one where we handled over 40,000 head of cattle each year, 3 times a year. Dipping, branding, earmarking, dehorning and castrating, the last 4 done all in one working, then the final parting for the year, in preparation for the next season. Yet all of this was made simple by the system of essentially solidly constructed installations. That is what it takes. Since those days I

have made others, one where we had a herd of commercials and purebreds, only about 300 head in all, but just the same system, on a smaller scale.

#### Draw Up Plans

It is too involved a thing to go into thoroughly, you need to work out the whole plant on paper, and be accurate about it. Then any useful country handyman can do the work, constructing on high land, so it will readily dry. Send to Washington and get U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Farmers' Bulletin No. 1584—it is a good one to build from as a general idea. Then find someone who has gone through the "trial and error" school and you will come near getting something done. BUT REMEMBER YOU MUST HAVE SUCH AN INSTALLATION.

I went to see a man's cattle once, he insisted that I see the young steers that his boys were readying for the 4-H Club work—there was a huge yard, the 2 steers came out from an inner sanctum, they rushed out and glared around and right then and there galloped off several good pounds of flesh. That chap had and still has, no provision for handling his stock at close quarters without having to go through a lot of roughing up to get the job done.

Again I went to see a man's herd the other day, his commercial cows took good care that we did not get anywhere near them, they were bringing their calves up the same way—that is not necessary in a herd where only a few hundred acres are involved, and as I say, it keeps them a little bit off the proper degree of conversion of feed to flesh and fat.

I was telling a cattle man today that I was presenting this important matter to our readers for April 30—he said this:—"I hope you won't frighten anyone who is thinking of starting a herd, by making him think the outlay is too great"—to that my reply is, the outlay for a proper corral set-up is not much, it is a question of sturdy construction with all outside material. Even the dip can be made by unskilled labor of the farm. Cut the bank straight and build your inside form, then pour the cement between the earth wall and the form. The outlay in the whole thing is in careful thought of the original plans, then seeing that they are rigidly followed. Better tell

a herd owner the truth than have him discouraged through lack of success due to no knowledge.

#### Dipping Lessens Disease

The other thing this man said was:—"I am only one of the cattle men who is firmly convinced that we don't dip enough, if we did so twice a year, we would eliminate a lot of these skin diseases, and other vitality sapping troubles, and I am willing to say that the abortion scourge would also be reduced." Talking of this, I was astonished to hear a very highly thought of breeder say the other day, when the owner of a herd we were inspecting commented on the lice on his cattle, "don't worry about them, I always figure when the first good rains come, they will wash off." It stands to reason that quietly dipping the herd and cleaning out such things as lice is bound to keep the herd healthier. Send for USDA, Farmers Bulletin No. 1584 and begin to make your plans. It will pay you dividends.

Lastly, how to train a commercial herd to go where you want without a bit of rough driving? Have two or three head that you drive around and train to herd together, where and when you want. Use them as decoys, the others will follow. I have seen herds of several thousand quite wild cattle follow a group of 10 or so longhorn steers that were kept for that purpose, and on occasion when the herd would break and run, two peons could take the decoys at a gallop, head the herd with them and everything would be alright. I have seen the same decoys go through the dip several times in a day, to show new bunches how to do it. A few trained decoys are most useful, train them right and do your work on horseback, you will save time, can see your herd better and will save shoe leather. Make the handling of cattle a recreation not a drudgery, combine efficiency and pleasure, they spell success, which means profit.

#### The Horse Farmer and the 4-H Clubs

Now more than ever, and they have always been of the utmost constructive value in a farming country, the 4-H Clubs should be given all the help possible. The horse farmer, gone to business on his farm, as we all should have by now, is in an admirable position to give them a real lift. Go to your school or the County Agent and get a list of the youngsters who should be doing something about it. Go to the boy or girl first, by talking to the parent initially, you are taking the burden of a responsibility away from the youngster—too many parents are overburdened with the mistaken kind-

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## HERD DIRECTORY

In order to assist readers of The Chronicle who pay especial attention to maximum production from their farms, we present this directory of the owners of good herds of the country. We hope that it will prove of benefit to those who sell and also buy.

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### Farming In War Time

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ness of thinking for their kids anyway.

When you have found out how the land lies, then try and make it easy for the youngster in question to find what he wants. After he has made his investment, then don't drop the matter, follow it up by sincere interest—perhaps a suggestion now and then. Remember, you are helping keep a chap on the farm, and we are going to need good men on the land in the years to come. If you and I are under the sod, then our own children will need men, like the ones we have helped with their first project. Sell these projects to the 4-H at bedrock bottom prices too, and make it easy for them to buy—it will pay you better than making an ungodly profit from some chap who would fleece you if he had the chance.

I was talking about this to a man who used to be rather active in furnishing the 4-H Club with projects, in fact he owes much of his present success with his herd to the publicity it got through the great work the boys were able to do with his products, which were baby beeves by the way. He said he had really not had time to devote to it as he used to, that he did not know what had become of certain boys, who had at one time procured calves from him. That man went down in my estimation. I know he has had trouble in finding the right men to handle his cattle. Maybe it is the law of retribution. He had no right to drop what he was doing for those young boys and girls, he should have kept in touch with them, evinced an interest in what became of them and their futures. It is a part of his duty to mankind, as an established leader of his community.

#### 4-H And Or Taxes!

It is just as important for a land-owning farmer to work with and for the 4-H Clubs as it is for him to pay his taxes. In fact in the years to come he will be remembered with far more respect for his work for 4-H Clubs than for his punctuality with his tax payments.

If the horse farmer wants to hunt over all the land where fox will take him, he will do so with a far happier feeling if he knows that he lives on a farm where every kid in the country can come and either buy a project, or receive friendly help in procuring one. Keep on friendly terms with the young entry and you will have the goodwill of the parents. You will also be assuring a future of peace and prosperity for

### Eglinton Pony Club

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enough to own their own and those that are. The fees for membership are only 75 cents a year.

The day started off very discouragingly, grey with snow on the ground but lighting up, and we had a lovely ride on the miles of bridle paths surrounding the district. The children then took their horses home and having brought their lunches returned to eat them in Mr. Hood's Riding School tack room. After which they started out on foot across the fields for Sifton's Arena, two miles distant, to attend the Bayview Riding Club horse show in the afternoon.

Several of the children were participating in the show and their performances were cheered hopefully by the other members. Not without success, for Brian Herbinson was 3rd in the open performance class with Mr. Harry Price's good mare, **Brownie**, after a jump off with Mr. O. D. Robinson's **Royal Scot** and Mrs. Willison's **Frosty**. Jimmy Fuller, another member, was 4th on his grand little old chestnut **Junior**. Seven horses jumped off in the class. Brian also rode **Brownie** in the winning Hunt team with Charlie Mc Mullen's **Golden Rule** and Doug Ness' **Hi Colleen**. Jimmy Fuller was on the 2nd team with Mr. Ken Ostrander on **Triple Bar** and Mrs. Willison's

your community when you are no longer there to guide it along. Your work will have been well done, because it was basically sound in principal and practice.

#### Fertilizing Benefits

A year or two ago an interesting test was made on the large holding of a staunch reader of *The Chronicle*. It proves without a shadow of doubt the benefits derived from the application of superphosphates on grazing lands. While everyone knows from hear say and some from experience, that such is the case, nevertheless facts always add to the conviction.

A section of land, 640 acres, was used with an application of 150 lbs. of superphosphates. Cattle were grazed on it for a period of 12 months. Figures showed that 62 head were carried on this section and that they made a total gain of 20,646 lbs. On another section, which was not so treated, only 43 head could be grazed, and their total gain was 10,578 lbs. There was double the production on the fertilized section.

These figures must mean a great deal to the man who strives to produce in a methodical manner, who is willing to give generously to his land, for a better yield.

**En Route**. The 3rd team was comprised of Mr. Price's **Imp** and Mrs. Willison's **Frosty** and **Danny Boy**.

Brian had a clean performance, but was not in the money, in the knock-down-and-out, as Mrs. Willison's **En Route**, Mr. Ostrander's **Triple Bar** and Mr. Robinson's **Lady Cushendeen** and **Gallivanter** finished in that order.

Mr. Callow's **Lady Lil**, Jimmy Pogue up, won both hack classes, but two Pony Club members, Shirley Bedson on **Billy** and Jane Goodchild on **Jean** were 2nd and 3rd in the bridle path class. **Lady Dot** was 2nd to **Lady Lil** in the road hacks.

Two other children belonging to the Pony Club were in the money in the seat and hands class. Dougie Hood being the winner and Yvonne McMulle 4th. June Davidson, a Pony Club representative won the novice riders jumping class, where horsemanship counted 75%.

**Hi Colleen**, won both hunter classes this week with **Danny Boy** and **En Route** 2nd and 3rd for Mrs. Willison, in the lady's hunters and Mr. Vince Mahon's **Ridgeway** 2nd and Mr. Robinson's **Lady Cushendeen** 3rd in the open hunters.

Patricia Horst, another Club member wound up the day by winning the consolation class on **Lucky Strike**.

Mrs. Frank Dunlop, perhaps better known as Beulah Wilson and Howard Johnston were the judges.

The children waited around after the show till the last member's horse was blanketed up and loaded in the vans. Then they were very kindly driven down to Jane Ann Rees' house by some of the people at the show. On our arrival it was discovered that the truck with the food for supper had broken down and as the children by this time were ravenous it looked like a major tragedy, but after a short time everything arrived and proved to be ample for the additional members that we had picked up at the show and the new arrivals that had managed to join us earlier.

After supper we had movies dealing with horses, and Mr. Quigley, who had shown his colored pictures at the Hunt Club's annual meeting, lent us the same reels, which were wonderful. After the movies the kids started to play records and to jitter-bug! David Rees, aged eleven is one of the hottest hep-cats I have ever seen. The Pony Club members range from eight to eighteen, but their common interest in horses has made them congenial and very close. Age seems to make very little difference.

The more recent members were supplied with badges and test cards, etc., that have just arrived from England and which we have been

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### Ontario Jockey Club

Comes today the attractive booklet for 1943 Racing and Steeplechasing in Canada, Spring Meeting. There is a picture of **Ten-To-Ace** on the first page, fittingly there, as he was the 1942 winner of The King's Plate. Then on page 7 is the history of the "Oldest fixture run continuously in North America". Originally made possible by royal donation in 1859, by Queen Victoria, the donation was and still is of 50 guineas, the gift successively of Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and now George VI. The race now has \$8,000 added by the Ontario Jockey Club. It is for 3-year-olds, the property of a British subject in Ontario, foaled, raised and trained in Ontario, that have never won a race, either on the flat or cross-country, other than a race exclusively for two-year-olds, have never left Canada, and have never been for a period of more than three months out of the Province. The distance one mile and a furlong.

The Meeting opens on the 22nd day of May and ends on the 29th, 7 days of racing. There are 7 races over jumps listed, one on each day. Four of these are hurdle races and the other three steeplechase. They will be listed in our Calendar, as will the feature events on the flat. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Jockey Club is Mr. Palmer Wright, the office is at Woodbine Park, Toronto, Canada.

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# In The Country:-



## Wright At Riley

Lt. Gordon Wright has completed cavalry officers candidate school and is stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he will serve as an instructor. Lt. Wright recently returned for a short visit to the Secor Farms Riding Club in White Plains, N. Y.

## Georgia To New York

Mrs. Frank Cicug, the former Miss Margot Berolzheimer, owner of that good little jumper, **Corky O'Cloisters**, spent the winter in Macon, Ga., where her husband was in training. She has now returned to New York and expects to stay.

## At School

Marion Loucks, Peggy Elkan, and Archie Dean, formerly active members of the Secor Farms Riding Club have exhibited an equal aptitude for college life. Marion will complete her senior year at Stevens Junior College in Missouri, this year. Peggy graduates from Carleton College next fall after finishing an accelerated program. Archie, who is now at Yale Medical School, where he plans to continue studying after finishing at the University.

## Married At Princeton

Private Leon T. Greenway, Far Hills, N. J., and Miss Eleanor R. Este, Princeton, N. J. were married April 3rd at Princeton, N. J. For the past four years Mrs. Greenway was associated with Ted Bowdoin at Millbrook, N. Y., and taught riding at the Millbrook School. At present she is an Army Inspector at the Diehl Plant, Somerville, N. J. Private Greenway is stationed at Fort Jay, N. Y., with a branch of the Remount Station.

## Foxcroft Show

Miss Charlotte Noland, headmistress of Foxcroft School, has announced that this year's show will be a community affair, with open classes listed. An additional class,

not shown on the entry blank, will be a 2-year-old class, which will be shown in hand about noon. If enough entries are received, the 2-year-olds will be divided into a Thoroughbred group and Half-bred group. Entries may be made with Miss Spencer Kimball, Foxcroft, Middleburg, Va., by May 1 and post entries will be accepted on the day of the show.

## Hammers in Middleburg

The Thorvald F. Hammers were Easter visitors in Middleburg, renewing acquaintances and looking over the country over which they have spent many pleasant days with hounds. Mr. Hammer is staying over for a few days at the Red Fox Tavern and Mrs. Hammer has returned to Connecticut.

## Cape Fear Show

North Carolina is doing a sterling job of carrying on with their shows and horse sports during these times. With polo at Pinehurst each Sunday and the various shows listed in our Calendar it is apparent that there is no lack of leadership down there.

When Messrs. Forrest Ward and C. V. Henkle, Jr., get through with the job of judging the 38 classes at Cape Fear, they will have done two days of good work and have proved their versatility. They have been well chosen by the show committee as these men are able to cope with all kinds of horses judiciously.

Hunters and jumpers are allotted 8 classes. There are 5 horsemanship classes for children and 3 classes for ponies. Then 3 classes go to the walking horse and the rest are for saddle gaited horses of various sorts. Two are also devoted to roadsters.

W. J. Dillon, Cape Fear Hotel, P. O. Box 1199, Wilmington, N. C. is manager of the show and he asks for entries to go on promptly.

## Polo In Pinehurst

News comes that the home team at Pinehurst defeated the Army line-up by a score of 5 to 4. For the homers, Capt. W. N. Jeffords put through 4 goals and Capt. Paul Miller hit 1. Evidently Capt. Jeffords must have had his hitting eye this Easter.

Lieut. Col. O. D. Haugen topped Army with 3 goals and Major Robert L. Johnson made the other. Lieut. Col. Sudduth was on the job at the

back end of the Army team, using his backhanders to good advantage. There was a large crowd out and Elliot Barta blew the whistle.

## Racing And Hunting

It was encouraging to see that the 4-year-old brown gelding, **Clip Clop**, by Milkman (the good sire owned by Mrs. Plunket Stewart) out of a Man o'War mare, **Drystone**, was able to come in sooner than the rest of the field in the 7th race at Jamaica on the 24th, he ran over a mile and a furlong distance of ground too.

After all its nice to see our hunting people going out and doing well with their horses. Harry L. Straus every now and then has a horse coming in the money these days, sort of keeps the connection going between hunting and racing, as it should be.

## Beagles And Cobs

An ardent follower of a pack of beagles has found that he was not able to keep up with the fast running little hounds, due to his somewhat advanced years and other physical deficiencies. He is keen to carry on his hunting, however.

The thought of the use of a sturdy cob came to his mind, with one of them he figures he can still enjoy his hunting. A cob will add to his enjoyment in fact, as the feel of a good horse under him will enhance the joys of hunting while in no ways adding to its difficulties.

He will be able to watch hounds work, be up with them and at the end of the day be fresh physically. Surely this might, and should, give many others an idea.

## National Pony Society

In order to sustain the good breed of Fell ponies, which abounded in the Lake Districts of the North of England, active steps have been taken by a National Trust in England to form a stud of Fell ponies in their deer park enclosure near Ullswater Lake. Mr. Roy B. Charlton has handed over as a gift six in-foal mares and will provide a stallion this season. A committee has been formed and it is hoped that other owners will present brood mares to the stud. To assist current requirements a certain amount of funds was necessary, the National Pony Society therefore furnished £25, whereat the National Horse Association stepped in with a similar amount to assist the scheme.

It is by such acts of cooperative effort, nicely timed, that the various useful breeds of England cannot die. In this last Horse and Hound, ponies again predominate in demand, in the advertising columns.

## Home News

A Thoroughbred mare of some repute was turned out at the Berryville Fair Grounds, the owner being away, she was left to carry on, with plenty of shade, shelter and grazing. Said owner came back to his home town, went out to see how she was faring, and there were twin foals to greet him, the whole family is doing fine. And that is our news here at home.

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waiting for for two years. Along with these we received some books on equitation and the care of the horse which seem very interesting and which are going to be lent to the children, there not being enough to go around. A few weeks ago I got a pamphlet on the care of the feet of horses and mules from the Phoenix Manufacturing Company, Ill. Which will prove very interesting to the children and makes everything very clear. I sent one to Mrs. Marchant the secretary of the Institute of the Horse and Pony Club in England, as I thought it might be interesting to them, too.

(Editor's Note:—Is it any wonder that the English and Canadians and all who spring from the Old Country, can maintain the interest they do over generations, when such activities as these are carried on for the good of the youngsters? A day so spent sticks in the memories of kids—and as Broadview says, "age makes very little difference among horse kids." The writer's description of this day is an added attraction, for which the Chronicle is grateful.)

## NEW SUBSCRIBERS

The following new subscribers are welcomed to The Chronicle for the week of April 30th:

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Miss Kathryn James,  
Massachusetts.  
Mrs. Frank Thompson,  
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Pvt. Robert C. Fernley, Kansas.  
Miss Hope Chambers,  
New York.  
Prybitt Farms, New York.

The Chronicle wishes to thank the following persons who have submitted lists of prospective subscribers during the past week:

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